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ET

STATUTA

REGALIS SOCIETATIS LONDINI,

Pro Scientiâ Naturali Promovendâ:

Juſſu Præſidis et Concilii edita.

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DIPLOMATA

PRÆSIDI, CONSILIO, et SODALIBUS,

REGALIS SOCIETATIS LONDINI,

A REGIBUS

Carolo Secundo et Georgio Primo,

Data et conceſſa.

CHARTA PRIMA,

Praeſidi, Concilio, et Sodalibus REGALIS SOCIETATIS Londini, a Rege CAROLO SECUNDO conceſſa, *A. D.* MDCLXII.

CAROLVS SECVNDUS Dei gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defenſor, etc, omnibus, ad quos praeſentes Literae pervenerint, ſalutem.

DIV multumque apud nos ſtatuimus, ut imperii fines, ſic etiam artes atque ſcientias ipſas promovere. Favemus itaque omnibus diſciplinis; particulari autem gratia indulgemus philoſophicis ſtudiis; praeſertim iis, quae ſolidis experimentis conantur aut novam extundere philoſophiam, aut expolire veterem. VT igitur inclareſcant apud noſtros hujuſmodi ſtudia, quae nuſquam terrarum adhuc ſatis emicuerunt; utque

nos tandem univerſus literarum orbis non ſolum fidei defen-ſorem, ſed etiam veritatis omnimodae et cultorem ubique et patronum ſemper agnoſcat.

Sciatis, quod nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſci-entia et mero motu noſtris ordinavimus conſtituimus con-ceſſimus et declaravimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus conſtituimus concedimus et declaramus, quod de caetero in perpetuum erit Societas de

Incorporation, and Corporate Name.

Praeſidente [1] Concilio et Sodalibus conſiſtens, quae vocabitur et nuncupabitur *Regalis Societas*. Et eandem Societatem, per nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis*, unum corpus corporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum, pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris facimus ordinamus creamus et conſtituimus per praeſentes, et quod per idem nomen habeant ſucceſſionem perpetuam; Et quod ipſi et eorum ſucceſſores (quorum ſtudia applicanda ſunt ad rerum naturalium artiumque utilium ſcientias experimen-torum fide ulterius promovendas) per idem nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis* praedictae, ſint et erunt

Capacity to purchaſe;

perpetuis futuris temporibus perſonae habiles et in lege capaces ad habendum perquirendum percipiendum et poſſidendum terras et tenementa prata paſcua paſturas libertates privilegia franchesias juriſdictiones et hereditamenta quaecunque ſibi et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in feodo et perpetuitate, vel pro termino vitae vitarum vel annorum, ſeu aliter quocunque modo, ac etiam bona et catalla ac omnes alias res cujuſcunque fuerint

and to grant;

generis naturae ſpecie qualitatis; Necnon ad dandum conce-dendum dimittendum et aſſignandum eadem terras tenementa hereditamenta bona et catalla, et omnia facta et res neceſſaria

[1] *Sic in* Authentic.

faciendum

faciendum et exequendum de et concernentia eiſdem [1], per nomen praedictum; Et quod per nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis* praedictum, placitare et implacitari, reſpondere et reſponderi, defendere et defendi, de caetero in perpetuum valeant et poſſint, in quibuſcunque curiis placeis et locis, et coram quibuſcunque Iudicibus et Iuſticariis et aliis perſonis et officiariis noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum, in omnibus et ſingulis actionibus placitisſectis querelis cauſis materiis rebus et demandis quibuſcunque, cujuſcunque ſint aut erunt generis naturae vel ſpeciei; eiſdem modo et forma, prout aliqui ligei noſtri intra hoc regnum noſtrum Angliae, perſonae habiles et in lege capaces, aut ut aliquod corpus corporatum vel politicum intra hoc regnum noſtrum Angliae, habere perquirere recipere poſſidere dare et concedere, placitare et implacitari, reſpondere et reſponderi, defendere vel defendi, valeant et poſſint, valeat et poſſit; Et quod iidem Praeſes Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſores ſui habeant in perpetuum commune Sigillum, pro cauſis et negotiis ſuis et ſucceſſorum ſuorum quibuſcunque agendis deſerviturum; et quod bene liceat et licebit eiſdem Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis pro tempore exiſtentibus, Sigillum illud de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere, prout iis melius fore videbitur expediri.

To ſue, and be ſued;

To have a Common Seal;

Alterable at Pleaſure.

Et, quod intentio noſtra regia meliorem ſortiatur effectum, ac pro bono regimine et gubernatione praedictae Regalis Societatis de tempore in tempus, VOLVMVS, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus iiſdem Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis Regalis praedictae et

[1] *Sic in* Authentic.

ſucceſſoribus

The Council to conſiſt of 21, (of whom, the Preſident to be always one).

ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod de caetero in perpetuum Concilium praedictum erit et conſiſtet ex viginti et una perſonis (quarum Praeſidem ſemper unum eſſe volumus); Et quod omnes et ſingulae aliae perſonae, quae intra unum menſem proximum ſequentem poſt datum praeſentium per Praeſidem et Concilium, et in omni tempore ſequenti per Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales, in eandem Societatem accipientur et admittentur ut Membra Regalis Societatis praedictae, et in Regiſtro per ipſos conſervando annotatae fuerint, erunt vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur *Sodales Regalis Societatis* praedictae: quos, quanto eminentiùs omnis generis doctrinae bonarumque literarum ſtudio clareſcant, quanto ardentiùs hujuſce Societatis honorem ſtudia et emolumentum promoveri cupiant, quanto vitae integritate morumque probitate ac pietate emineant, et fidelitate, animique erga nos coronam et dignitatem noſtram ſincero affectu polleant; eo magis idoneos et dignos, qui in Sodalium ejuſdem Societatis numerum adſciſcantur, omnino cenſeri volumus.

The Fellows to be choſen, in the firſt Month, by the Preſident and Council; after that Month, by the Preſident, Council, and Fellows.

Et, pro meliori executione voluntatis et conceſſionis noſtrae in hac parte, ASSIGNAVIMVS nominavimus conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris aſſignamus nominamus conſtituimus et facimus, praedilectum et fidelem nobis Willielmum Vicecomitem *Brouncker*, Cancellarium praechariſſimae conſorti noſtrae Reginae Catherinae, fore et eſſe primum et modernum Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; volentes quod praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouncker* in officio Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae à datu praeſentium uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae proximum ſequens poſt datum praeſentium continuabit, et quouſque unus alius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente ad officium illud debito modo electus praefectus

William, Viſcount Brouncker, to be the firſt Preſident;

To hold till St. Andrew's Day next, (if he ſhall ſo long live), and till another out of the Council be choſen and ſworn.

praefectus et juratus fuerit, juxta ordinationem et proviſionem in his praeſentibus inferiùs expreſſam et declaratam (ſi praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouncker* tam diu vixerit); ſacramento corporali in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia bene et fideliter exequendum, ſecundùm veram intentionem harum praeſentium, coram praedilecto et perquàm fideli conſanguineo et conſiliario noſtro Edwardo Comite *Clarendon*, Cancellario noſtro Angliae, priùs praeſtito: cui quidem Edwardo Comiti *Clarendon*, Cancellario noſtro praedicto, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus, in haec verba ſequentia, viz. I William Viscount Brouncker *doe promiſe to deale faithfullie and honeſtlie, in all things belonging to the truſt committed to mee as Preſident of this Royall Societie, during my employment in that capacitie: So help me God!* Assignavimvs etiam conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris facimus, dilectos nobis et fideles Robertum *Moray* Militem unum à ſecretioribus noſtris conciliis in regno noſtro Scotiae, Robertum *Boyle* Armigerum, Willielmum *Brereton* Armigerum filium primogenitum Baronis de *Brereton*, Kenelm. *Digby* Militem praechariſſimae matri noſtrae Mariae Reginae Cancellarium, Paulum *Neile* Militem unum Generoſorum camerae privatae noſtrae, Henricum *Slingeſby* Armigerum alium Generoſorum praedictae privatae camerae noſtrae, Willielmum *Petty* Militem, Iohannem *Wallis* in theologia Doctorem, Timotheum *Clarke* in medicinis Doctorem et unum Medicorum noſtrorum, Iohannem *Wilkins* in theologia Doctorem, Georgium *Ent* in medicinis Doctorem, Willielmum *Aerſkine* unum a poculis noſtris, Ionathan. *Goddard* in medicinis Doctorem et Pro-

But firſt to be ſworn in, before the Lord Chancellor.

The Preſident's Oath.

The firſt Council named.

 feſſorem

feſſorem Collegii de *Greſham*, Chriſtopherum *Wren* in medi
cinis Doctorem *Saville* aſtronomiae Profeſſorem in academi
noſtra Oxonienſi, Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum, Matthaeu
Wren Armigerum, Iohannem *Evelyn* Armigerum, Thoma
Henſhaw Armigerum, *Dudley Palmer* de *Greys Inn* in comitat
noſtro Middleſexiae Armigerum, et *Henricum Oldenburg* A
migerum, una cum Praeſide praedicto, fore et eſſe primos
modernos viginti et unum de Concilio Regalis Societatis prae
dictae; continuandos in eiſdem officiis à datu praeſentiu
uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli proximu
ſequens, et deinde, quouſque aliae idoneae perſonae et habil
et ſufficientes in officia praedicta electae praefectae et jurat
fuerint (ſi tam diu vixerint, aut pro aliqua juſta et rationabi
cauſa non amotae [1] fuerint); ſacramentis corporalibus cora
Praeſide praedictae Regalis Societatis, ad officia ſua bene
fideliter in omnibus et per omnia officia illa tangentia exe
quendum, prius praeſtandis, ſecundum formam et effectu
praedicti ſacramenti, mutatis mutandis, Praeſidi Regalis So
cietatis praedictae per Cancellarium noſtrum Angliae adm
niſtrandi; (cui quidem Praeſidi pro tempore exiſtenti ſacra
menta praedicta adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritate
pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et conce
dimus per praeſentes); Et quod eaedem perſonae ſic, ut prae
fertur, ad Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis electae prae
fectae et juratae, et in poſterum eligendae praeficiendae et ju
randae de tempore in tempus, erunt et exiſtent auxiliant
conſulentes et aſſiſtentes in omnibus materiis rebus et negoti
meliorem regulationem gubernationem et directionem prae
dictae Regalis Societatis, et cujuſlibet Membri ejuſdem, ta
gentibus ſeu concernentibus.

To continue as above, unleſs amoved for juſt Cauſe.

But firſt to take, before the Preſident, the like oath as his, mutatis mutandis.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod Praeſes Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentes (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus poteſtatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt nominandi et eligendi, et quod eligere et nominare poſſint et valeant, quolibet anno in praedicto feſto Sancti Andreae, unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, qui ſit et erit Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli exinde proximum ſequens (ſi tam diu vixerit, aut interim pro aliqua juſta et rationabili cauſa non amotus fuerit) et exinde, quouſque unus alius in officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit; quodque ille, poſtquam ſic, ut praefertur, electus et nominatus fuerit in officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae, antequam ad officium illud admittatur, ſacramentum corporale coram Concilio ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ad officium illud recte bene et fideliter in omnibus officium illud tangentibus exequendum praeſtabit, ſecundùm formam et effectum praedicti ſacramenti, mutatis mutandis; (cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotieſcunque neceſſarium fuerit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes); et quod poſt hujuſmodi ſacramentum ſic, ut praefertur, praeſtitum, officium Praeſidis

The Preſident, Council, and Fellows, (of whom the Preſident to be one), to elect, annually, on St. Andrew's Day, one out of the Council to be Preſident; who is to hold, if not dead nor amoved, till the next St. Andrew's Day, and till another ſhall be choſen; having firſt taken the Oath, before the Council or 7 or more of them.

Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli exinde proximum ſequens exequi valeat et poſſit: Et ſi contigerit Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentem, aliquo tempore quamdiu fuerit in officio Praeſidis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, obire vel ab officio ſuo amoveri, quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praeſidem [1] Concilii praedicti ad talem electionem ſemper unum eſſe volumus) alium de praedicto numero Concilii praedicti in Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae eligere et praeficere; et quod ille ſic electus et praefectus officium illud habeat et exerceat durante reſiduo ejuſdem anni, et quouſque alius ad officium illud debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, ſacramento corporali in forma ultimè ſpecificata priùs praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit.

On the Death, or Amotion of a Preſident, the Council and Fellows, or any ſeven or more of them, are to elect another, out of the Council: who is to hold, during the reſidue of the year, (being firſt ſworn), and until another be choſen and ſworn.

Et vlterivs volumus quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente mori, vel ab officio illo amoveri, vel decedere, (quos quidem de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae et eorum quemlibet pro male ſe gerendo aut aliqua alia rationabili cauſa amobiles eſſe volumus ad beneplacitum Praeſidis et caeterorum de Concilio praedicto ſuperviventium et in officio illo remanentium, vel majoris partis eorundem, quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus,) quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore

If any of the Council die, or be amoved, or quit, (and power of amotion is here given to the Preſident and Council or Major part of them, whereof the Preſident to be one); the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or the Major part of them (the Preſident to be one), may ſupply the vacancy out of the Fellows: and the elected ſhall hold, (being firſt ſworn), till the next St. Andrew's Day, and till another Election.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

exiſtentem

exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) unum alium vel plures alios de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, loco ſive locis ipſius vel ipſorum ſic mortuorum decedentium vel amotorum, ad ſupplendum praedictum numerum viginti et unius perſonarum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae nominare eligere et praeficere; et quod ille ſive illi ſic in officio illo electi et praefecti [1] idem officium habeat et habeant uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli tunc proximum ſequens, et exinde, quouſque unus alius vel plures alii electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit, electi praefecti et nominati fuerint; ſacramento corporali ad officium illud in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia coram Praeſide et Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore exiſtentibus, bene et fideliter exequendum, ſecundùm veram intentionem praeſentium, priùs praeſtando.

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui quolibet anno, in praedicto feſto Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt eligendi nominandi praeficiendi et mutandi decem de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, ad ſupplendum loca et officia decem praedicti numeri viginti et unius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae; quoniam regiam voluntatem noſtram eſſe declaramus, et per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus, quod decem de Concilio praedicto, et non amplius, per Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae annuatim mutati et amoti fuerint.

On every St. Andrew's day, ten (and no more) of the Council are to be changed.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

Volv-

VOLVMVS etiam, et pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictæ Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ſi contigerit Praeſidem ejuſdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentem aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in ſervitio noſtro heredum vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorum verſari, vel aliter eſſe occupatum, ita quod neceſſariis negotiis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis officium Praeſidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praeſidi ſic detento verſato vel occupato *unum* de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, fore et eſſe *Deputatum* ejuſdem Praeſidis, nominare et appunctuare; qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praeſidis praedicti ſic faciendus et conſtituendus, ſit et erit Deputatus ejuſdem Praeſidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeſes in officio Praeſidis continuaverit; niſi interim praedictus Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtens unum alium de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fecerit et conſtituerit; et quod quilibet hujuſmodi Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis ſic, ut praefertur, fiendus [1] et conſtituendus, omnia et ſingula, quae ad officium Praeſidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent ſeu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum Praeſidem virtute harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium limitata et appunctuata fore [2] facienda et exequenda de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis continuaverit, facere et exequi valeat et poſſit, vigore harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium,

The Preſident may appoint *one* out of the Council to be his Deputy:

Who may act as ſuch during his Abſence; unleſs he appoints ſome other out of the Council to be ſo.

Such Deputy may, in the Preſident's Abſence, do all Acts that he himſelf could do if preſent:

[1] *Sic in* Authent. [2] *Sic in* Authent.

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adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeſes praedictus, ſi praeſens eſſet, illa facere et exequi valeret et poſſet; ſacramento corporali ſuper ſancta Dei Evangelia in forma et effectu ultime ſpecificatis per hujuſmodi Deputatum ad omnia et ſingula, quae ad officium Praeſidis pertinent, bene et fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, prius praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit: cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore exiſtentibus, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare poteſtatem et authoritatem, quoties caſus ſic acciderit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes, abſque aliquo brevi commiſſione ſive ulteriori warranto in ea parte a nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris procurando ſeu obtinendo.

But he muſt firſt be ſworn before the Council, or ſeven, or more of them.

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui de caetero in perpetuum habeant et habebunt unum Theſaurarium, duos Secretarios, unum Clericum, et duos Servientes ad clavas qui de tempore in tempus ſuper Praeſidem attendant; quodque praedicti Theſaurarius Secretarii Clericus et Servientes ad clavas eligendi et nominandi, antequam ad officia ſua ſeparalia et reſpectiva exequendum admittantur, ſacramenta ſua corporalia in forma et effectu ultime ſpecificatis, coram Praeſide et Concilio ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, officia ſua ſeparalia et reſpectiva in omnibus illa tangentibus recte bene et fideliter exequendum praeſtabunt; et quod poſt hujuſmodi ſacramenta ſic, ut praefertur, praeſtita officia ſua reſpectiva

The Preſident, Council, and Fellows, may have one Treaſurer, two Secretaries, a Clerk, and two Serjeants at Mace:

Who are all to be ſworn before the Preſident and Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

tiva exerceant et utantur; quibus quidem Praeſidi et Concilio, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ſacramenta praedicta de tempore in tempus adminiſtrare praedictis ſeparalibus et reſpectivis officiariis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praeſentes; ET aſſignavimus nominavimus elegimus creavimus conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris aſſignamus nominamus eligimus creamus conſtituimus et facimus, dilectos ſubditos noſtros Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum fore et eſſe primum et modernum Theſaurarium; et praedictum [1] Johannem *Wilkins* et Henricum *Oldenburg* fore et eſſe primos et modernos Secretarios praedictae Regalis Societatis; continuandos in iſdem officiis uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli proximum ſequens poſt datum praeſentum: Quodque de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora, in praedicto feſto Sancti Andrae Apoſtoli (ſi non fuerit dies Dominicus, et ſi fuerit dies Dominicus, tunc die proxime ſequenti) Praeſes Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentes, aut major pars eorundem (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) alios probos et diſcretos viros, de tempore in tempus, in Theſaurarium, Secretarios, Clericum, et Servientes ad clavas praedictae Regalis Societatis, eligere nominare et praeficere valeant et poſſint; quodque illi, qui in ſeparalia et reſpectiva officia praedicta ſic, ut praefertur, electi praefecti et jurati fuerint, officia illa reſpectiva exercere et gaudere poſſint et valeant uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andreae extunc proximum ſequens, ſacramentis ſuis praedictis ſic, ut praefertur, prius praeſtandis; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit; et ſi con-

First Treaſurer and firſt two Secretaries appointed.

And on every St. Andrew's day yearly, (unleſs it be Sunday,) the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or the major Part of them (of whom the Preſident to be one), are to elect others in the Offices of Treaſurer, Secretaries, Clerk, and Serjeants at Mace; who, after being ſworn, are to officiate till the next St. Andrew's day:

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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gerit aliquem vel aliquos officiariorum praedictorum ejuſdem .egalis Societatis obire, vel ab officiis ſuis reſpectivis amoveri, uod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Praeſidi Concilio et Soalibus praedictae Regalis Soietatis, vel majori parti eorundem quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volu-ıus) alium vel alios in officium ſive officia illarum perſonarum c defunctarum ſive amotarum eligere et praeficere; et quod le ſive illi ſic electus et praefectus electi et praefecti officia raedicta reſpectiva habeat et exerceat habeant et exerceant du-ınte reſiduo ejuſdem anni, et quouſque alius ſive alii ad offiia illa reſpectiva debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, electi et ırati fuerint; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit.

And if any of them die or be amoved, the like Election to be made of others to ſupply their Places, for the Reſidue of the Year, and till others ſhall be duly elected and ſworn.

Et insvper volumus, ac de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa cientia et mero motu noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Conilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ıis, quod Praeſes et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis ro tempore exiſtentes, et major pars eorundem (quorum Praedem pro tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) pariter conregare et aſſemblare poſſint et valeant in collegio ſive alio pubico loco ſive aula intra civitatem noſtram *London*, vel in aliquo lio loco conveniente intra decem milliaria ejuſdem civitatis ıoſtrae; et quod ipſi ſic congregati et aſſemblati habebunt et ıabeant plenam authoritatem poteſtatem et facultatem de temore in tempus condendi conſtituendi ordinandi faciendi et ſtailiendi hujuſmodi leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtituiones, quae eis, aut eorum majori parti, bona ſalubria utilia ıoneſta et neceſſaria juxta eorum ſanas diſcretiones fore videuntur, et omnia quaecunque alia negotiis et rebus Regalis Soietatis praedictae ſpectantia agendi et faciendi; quae omnia et ingula leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtitutiones ſic ut

The Preſident and Council, and the major Part of them (of whom the Preſident to be one), may meet in a College or other public Place or Hall in London, or within ten Miles of it; and make Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, and do all other Things relating to the Affairs of the Society.

praefertur

praefertur facienda volumus, et per praeſentes pro nobis hered bus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo praecipimus mandamus, quod de tempore in tempus inviolabiliter obſerva fuerint, ſecundùm tenorem et effectum eorundem: Ita tame quod praedicta leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtitution ſic ut praefertur facienda, et eorum quaelibet, ſint rationabili et non ſint repugnantia nec contraria legibus conſuetudinib juribus ſive ſtatutis hujus regni noſtri Angliae.

Power is given to the Council and Fellows, to appoint one or more Printer or Printers, and one or more Engraver or Engravers; and to authorize them, by writing under the common Seal, and ſigned by the Preſident, to print ſuch Things (touching or concerning the Society) as ſhall be given them in Charge by the Preſident and Council, or any ſeven or more of them (of whom the Preſident to be one).

They muſt be firſt ſworn before the Preſident and Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

Et vlterivs de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex cer ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac p praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus concedimus praefatis Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regal Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, plenam poteſtatem et authorit tem de tempore in tempus eligendi nominandi et conſtituen unum vel plures Typographos ſive Impreſſores, et Chalcogr phos ſeu Sculptores; et ipſi vel ipſis per ſcriptum communi S gillo praedictae Regalis Societatis ſigillatum, et manu Praeſid pro tempore exiſtentis ſignatum, facultatem concedendi, ut in primant talia res materias et negotia praedictam Societatem ta gentia vel concernentia, qualia praedictis Typographo vel In preſſori, Chalcographo vel Sculptori, vel Typographis vel In preſſoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in ten pus per Praeſidem et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societati vel aliquos ſeptem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem p tempore exiſtentem unum eſſe volumus) commiſſa fuerint; ſ cramentis ſuis corporalibus, antequam ad officia ſua exercen dum admittantur, coram Praeſide et Concilio pro tempore ex ſtentibus, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, in form et effectu ultime ſpecificatis, prius praeſtandis: quibus quide Praeſidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorur

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:ramenta praedicta adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et autho-
atem damus et concedimus per praeſentes.

Et vlterius, quod praedicti Praeſes Concilium et Sodales
aedictae Regalis Societatis in philoſophicis ſuis ſtudiis melio-
n ſortiantur effectum, de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac
certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus,
per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris da-
us et concedimus, praedictis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus
aedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et
cceſſores ſui de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt ple-
m poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, et ad
ia tempeſtiva tempora, ſecundum eorum diſcretionem, re-
irere capere et recipere cadavera talium perſonarum, quae
rtem manu carnificis paſſae fuerunt, et ea anatomizare, in
n amplis modo et forma, et ad omnes intentiones et propo-
, prout Collegium Medicorum et Corporatio Chirurgorum
itatis noſtrae *London* eiſdem cadaveribus uſi vel gaviſi fuerunt,
t uti vel gaudere valeant et poſſint.

The ſame Right to demand, receive, and anatomize the Bodies of executed Criminals, is given to this Society, as the College of Phyſicians and the Corporation of Surgeons of London have or uſe.

Et vlterivs, pro melioratione experimentorum artium et
entiarum praedictae Regalis Societatis, de abundantiori gratia
ſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus
conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſo-
us noſtris damus et concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Conſilio et
dalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod
i et ſucceſſores ſui de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt
nam poteſtatem et authoritatem, per literas vel epiſtolas,
manu praedicti Praeſidis in praeſentia Concilii, *vel aliquorum*
tem vel plurium eorum, et in nomine Regalis Societatis, ac
mmuni Sigillo ſuo praedicto ſigillatas, mutuis intelligentiis
fruentur

Licence to hold a Literary Correſpondence, on Philoſophical, Mathematical, or Mechanical Subjects, with all Sorts of Foreigners; by Letters ſealed with the common Seal of the Society,

and ſigned by the Preſident in the Preſence of the Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

fruentur [1], et notitiis cum omnibus et omnimodis perſonis p regrinis et alienis, utrum privatis vel collegiatis, corporatisv politicis, abſque aliqua moleſtatione interruptione vel inquiet tione quacunque: PROVISO tamen, quod haec indulgentia n ſtra ſic ut praefertur conceſſa ad ulteriorem non extendatur uſu quam particulare beneficium et intereſſe praedictae Regalis S cietatis in materiis ſeu rebus philoſophicis mathematicis aut m chanicis.

Licence to build a College or Colleges in London, or within ten Miles of London.

ET VLTERIVS dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes p nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedim praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis pra dictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, plenam poteſtatem et authoritate erigendi aedificandi et extruendi, aut erigi aedificari et extr faciendi vel cauſandi, intra civitatem noſtram *London*, vel dece milliaria ejuſdem, unum vel plura Collegium vel Collegia c juſcunque modi vel qualitatis, pro habitatione aſſemblatione congregatione praedictorum Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium pra dictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſorum ſuorum, negotia ſua alias res eandem Regalem Societatem concernentia ad ordina dum et diſponendum.

If any Abuſes or Diſſenſions ariſe, they ſhall be reformed and ſettled by the Lord Chancellor Clarendon alone, if living;

ET VLTERIVS volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis hered bus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus conſtituimus et appunct amus, quod ſi aliqui abuſus vel diſcrepantiae in poſterum o entur et accident de gubernatione aut aliis rebus vel negoti pradictae Regalis Societatis, unde ejuſdem conſtitutioni ſtabil mini et ſtudiorum progreſſui vel rebus et negotiis aliqua inf ratur injuria vel impedimentum; quod tunc et toties per pra ſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris authorizam nominamus aſſignamus et conſtituimus praefatum praedilectu

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

t perquam fidelem conſanguineum et conſiliarium noſtrum Edwardum Comitem *Clarendon* Cancellarium noſtrum regni noſtri Angliae, per ſeipſum durante vita ſua, et poſt ejus mortem tunc Archiepiſcopum Cantuarienſem, Cancellarium vel Cuſtodem magni Sigilli Angliae, Theſaurarium Angliae, Epiſcopum Londinenſem, Cuſtodem privati Sigilli, et duos principales Secretarios, pro tempore exiſtentes, aut aliquos quatuor vel plures eorum, eaſdem diſcrepantias et abuſus reconciliare componere et reducere.

afterwards by the Archbiſhop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, or Keeper, the Lord Treaſurer, the Biſhop of London, the Lord Privy Seal, and the two Secretaries of State, for the Time being, or four or more of them.

Et vlterius volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus omnibus et ſingulis Inſticiariis, Majoribus, Aldermannis, Vicecomitibus, Ballivis, Conſtabulariis, et aliis officiariis miniſtris et ſubditis noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque, quòd de tempore in tempus ſint auxiliantes et aſſiſtentes praedictis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in omnibus et per omnia, ſecundum veram intentionem harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium.

General Clauſes.

Eo, quod expreſſa mentio de vero valore annuo, vel de certitudine praemiſſorum ſive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis ſive conceſſionibus per nos ſeu per aliquem progenitorum ſive praedeceſſorum noſtrorum, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis ante haec tempora factis, in praeſentibus minime facta exiſtit, aut aliquo ſtatuto actu ordinatione proviſione proclamatione ſive reſtrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis ſive proviſis, aut aliqua alia re cauſa vel materia quacunque, in aliquo non obſtante.

In cvivs rei teſtimonium has Literas noſtras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste Me ipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium, quinto decimo die Iulii, anno regni noſtri decimo quarto.

Per ipſum Regem.

HOWARD

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CHARTA SECUNDA,

Iiſdem ab eodem conceſſa, *A. D.*

MDCLXIII.

CAROLVS SECVNDVS Dei gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defenſor, etc, omnibus, ad quos hae Literae noſtrae patentes pervenerint, ſalutem.

Div multumque apud nos ſtatuimus, ut imperii fines, ſic etiam artes atque ſcientias ipſas promovere. Favemus itaque omnibus diſciplinis: particulari autem gratia indulgemus philoſophicis ſtudiis; praeſertim iis, quae ſolidis experimentis co-

nantur aut novam extundere philoſophiam, aut expolire veterem. Vt igitur inclareſcant apud noſtros hujuſmodi ſtudia, quae nuſquam terrarum adhuc ſatis emicuerunt; utque nos tandem univerſus literarum orbis non ſolum fidei defenſorem, ſed etiam veritatis omnimodae et cultorem ubique et patronum ſemper agnoſcat;

Incorporation and Corporate Name.

SCIATIS, quod nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris ordinavimus conſtituimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſuceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus conſtituimus et concedimus, quod de caetero in perpetuum erit Societas de Praeſide Concilio et Sodalibus conſiſtens, qui vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur *Praeſes Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda*; (cujus quidem Societatis nos ipſos Fundatorem et Patronum per praeſentes declaramus;) Et eandem Societatem, per nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda*, unum corpus corporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris facimus ordinamus creamus et conſtituimus per praeſentes, et quod per idem nomen habeant ſucceſſionem perpetuam; Et quod ipſi et eorum ſucceſſores (quorum ſtudia ad rerum naturalium artiumque utilium ſcientias experimentorum fide ulteriùs promovendas, in Dei Creatoris gloriam, et generis humani commodum, applicanda ſunt,) per idem nomen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda*, ſint et erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus perſonae habiles et in lege capaces ad habendum perquirendum percipiendum et poſſidendum terras tenementa prata paſcua paſturas libertates privilegia franchеſias juriſdictiones et hereditamenta quaecunque ſibi et ſucceſſoribus ſuis

The King himſelf Founder and Patron.

Capacity to purchaſe;

.is in feodo et perpetuitate, vel pro termino vitae vitarum vel
nnorum, ſeu aliter quocunque modo, ac etiam bona et catalla
: omnes alias res cujuſcunque fuerint generis naturae ſpeciei
ve qualitatis (ſtatuto *De alienatione in manum mortuam* non
oſtante;) necnon ad dandum concedendum et aſſignandum — and to grant;
ıdem terras tenementa et hereditamenta bona et catalla, et
mnia facta et res neceſſarias faciendum et exequendum de et
oncernentia eadem, per nomen praedictum; Et quod per no- — and to ſue and be ſued;
nen *Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis Londini pro*
ientia naturali promovenda praedictum, placitare et implacitari,
:ſpondere et reſponderi, defendere et defendi, de caetero in
erpetuum valeant et poſſint, in quibuſcunque curiis placeis et
ocis, et coram quibuſcunque Iudicibus et Iuſticiariis et aliis
erſonis et officiariis noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum,
ı omnibus et ſingulis actionibus, tum realibus tum perſonali-
us, placitis ſectis querelis cauſis materiis rebus et demandis
uibuſcunque, cujuſcunque ſint aut erunt generis naturae vel
peciei; eiſdem modo et forma, prout aliqui ligei noſtri intra
oc regnum noſtrum Angliae, perſonae habiles et in lege capa-
es, aut ut aliquod corpus corporatum vel politicum intra hoc
egnum noſtrum Angliae, habere perquirere recipere poſſidere
are et concedere placitare et implacitari, reſpondere et reſpon-
eri, defendere vel defendi, valeant et poſſint, valeat et poſſit; — and to have a common Seal; (which they have Liberty to alter at Pleaſure.)
Et quod iidem Praeſes Conſilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis
raedictae et ſucceſſores ſui habeant in perpetuum commune
igillum, pro cauſis et negotiis ſuis et ſucceſſorum ſuorum qui-
uſcunque agendis deſerviturum; et quod bene liceat et licebit
iſdem Praeſidi Cocilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae,
t ſucceſſoribus ſuis pro tempore exiſtentibus, Sigillum illud
e tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere, prout
is melius fore videbitur expediri.

DAMUS

Grant of Arms, viz. Argent; in a Canton Dexter. the three Lions of England; and alſo of a Creſt, and Supporters.

DAMVS inſuper et concedimus per praeſentes Praeſidi Co cilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae eorumque perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, in favoris noſtri regii erga ipſos n traeque de ipſis peculiaris exiſtimationis praeſenti et futu aetatibus teſtimonium, haec honoris inſignia ſequentia, v In Parmae argentae angulo dextro tres leones noſtros Anglicc et pro Criſta galeam corona floſculis interſtincta adornata cui ſupereminet aquila nativi coloris, altero pede ſcutum le nibus noſtris inſignitum tenens; Telamones ſcutarios, du canes ſagaces albos, colla coronis cinctos (prout in margi luculentius videre eſt [1]) a praedictis Praeſide Concilio et Soc libus ipſorumque ſucceſſoribus, prout feret occaſio, in perp tuum geſtanda producenda poſſidenda.

The Council ſhall conſiſt of Twenty-one: (of whom, the Preſident or his Deputy ſhall be always one.)

ET, quod intentio noſtra regia meliorem ſortiatur effectu ac pro bono regimine et gubernatione praedictae Regalis S cietatis de tempore in tempus, VOLVMVS, ac per praeſen pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus eiſd Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis Regalis praedictae ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod de caetero in perpetuum Concili praedictum erit et conſiſtet ex viginti et una perſonis (quar Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſe per unum eſſe volumus;) Et quod omnes et ſingulae aliae p ſonae, quae intra duos menſes proximè ſequentes poſt dat praeſentium, per Praeſidem et Concilium vel per aliquos un cim vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſt tem vel ejus Deputatum ſemper unum eſſe volumus,) vel duas tertias partes vel plures praedictorum undecim vel pluri

All other Perſons who ſhall be received and admitted as Members, by the Preſident and Council, or any eleven or more of them (of whom, &c.) or by two Thirds or more of thoſe eleven or more,

[1] *Vide frontem libri.*

t in omni tempore ſequenti per Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales, ſive per aliquos viginti et unum vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) ſive per duas tertias partes vel plures praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium, in eandem Societatem accipientur et admittentur ut Membra Regalis Societatis praedictae, et in Regiſtro per ipſos conſervando annotatae fuerint, erunt vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur *Sodales Regalis Societatis* praedictae, quamdiu vixerint, niſi ob cauſam aliquam rationabilem, ſecundùm Statuta Regalis praedictae condenda, quemvis eorum amoveri contigerit: quos quanto eminentiùs omnis generis doctrinae bonarumque literarum ſtudio clareſcant, quanto ardentiùs hujuſce Societatis honorem ſtudia et emolumentum promoveri cupiant, quanto vitae integritate morumque probitate ac pietate emineant, et fidelitate animique erga nos coronam et dignitatem noſtram ſincero affectu polleant, eo magis idoneos et dignos, qui in Sodalium ejuſdem Societatis numerum adſcicantur, omnino cenſeri volumus.

within two Months; and at all Times *after* thoſe two Months, by the Preſident, Council, and *Fellows*, or by any Twenty-one or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one,) or by *two third* Parts or more of the ſaid Twenty-one or more; and ſhall be regiſtered; ſhall be called *Fellows* of the ſaid Royal Society, for Life, unleſs regularly amoved.

Et, pro meliori executione voluntatis et conceſſionis noſtrae in hac parte, ASSIGNAVIMVS nominavimus conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris aſſignamus nominamus conſtituimus et facimus, praedilectum et fidelem nobis Willielmum Vicecomitem *Brouncker*, Cancellarium praechariſſimae conſortis noſtrae Reginae Catharinae, eſſe primum et modernum Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; volentes quod praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouncker* in officio Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae, à datu praeſentium uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae proximùm ſequentem

William Lord Viſcount Brouncker, named to be the firſt Preſident; to continue ſo till the next St. Andrew's Day, and till another (out of the Council) ſhould be

chofen and ſworn.

tem [1] poſt datum praeſentium, continuabit, et quouſque un alius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore ex ſtente ad officium illud debito modo electus praefectus et jura tus fuerit, juxta ordinationem et proviſionem in his praeſent bus inferius expreſſam et declaratam, (ſi praedictus Willielmu Vicecomes *Brouncker* tam diu vixerit;) ſacramento corporal in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia, benè et fide liter exequendum, ſecundum veram intentionem harum prae ſentium, coram praedilecto et perquam fideli conſanguineo e conſiliario noſtro Edwardo Comite *Clarendon* Cancellario noſtr Angliae priùs praeſtito, (cui quidem Edwardo Comiti *Clarendo* Cancellario noſtro praedicto ſacramentum praedictum admini ſtrare plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus, in haec verba ſequentia, viz. I WILLIAM VISCOUNT BROUNC KER *doe promiſe to deale faithfully and honeſtly in all things belong ing to the truſt committed to me, as Preſident of the Royall Societ of London for improving naturall knowledge, dureing my employ ment in that capacity: So help me God!*

He himſelf to be firſt ſworn in before the Lord Chancellor.

The Preſident's Oath.

The firſt Council named.

ASSIGNAVIMVS etiam conſtituimus et fecimus, ac per prae ſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris facimu dilectos nobis et fideles Robertum *Moray* Militem unum a ſecre toribus noſtris conciliis in regno noſtro Scotiae, Robertum *Boy* Armigerum, Willielmum *Brereton* Armigerum filium primo genitum Baronis de *Brereton*, Kenelmum *Digby* Militem prae chariſſimae matri noſtrae Mariae Reginae Cancellarium, [2] Gi bertum *Talbot* Militem jocalium noſtrorum Theſaurarium, Pa lum *Neile* Militem unum Oſtiariorum camerae privatae noſtra

[1] *Sic in* Authent. *et aliquoties infra.*

[2] Sir *Gilbert Talbot* and Mr. *Hill* were not in the firſt Charter: They ſupply the V cancies of Dr. *Wallis* and Dr. *Wren.*

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Henricum *Slingeſby* Armigerum unum Generoſorum praedictae
privatae camerae noſtrae, Willielmum *Petty* Militem, Timotheum *Clarke* in medicinis Doctorem et unum Medicorum noſtrorum, Iohannem *Wilkins* in theologia Doctorem, Georgium *Ent* in medicinis Doctorem, Willielmum *Aerſkine* unum a poculis noſtris, Ionathan. *Goddard* in medicinis Doctorem et Profeſſorem Collegii de *Greſham*, Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum, Matthaeum *Wren* Armigerum, Iohannem *Evelyn* Armigerum, Thomam *Henſhaw* Armigerum, *Dudly Palmer* de *Greys Inn* in comitatu noſtro Middleſexiae Armigerum, [1] Abrahamum *Hill* de *London* Armigerum, et *Henricum Oldenburg* Armigerum, unà cum Praeſide praedicto, fore et eſſe primos et modernos viginti et unum de Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae; continuandos in officiis Concilii praedicti à datu praeſentium uſque ad praedictum feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli proximum ſequentem, et deinde, quouſque aliae idoneae perſonae et habiles et ſufficientes in officia praedicta electae praefectae et juratae fuerint (ſi tam diu vixerint, aut pro aliqua juſta et rationabili cauſa non amotae [2] fuerint;) ſacramentis corporalibus coram Praeſide pro tempore exiſtente praedictae Regalis Societatis, ad officia ſua bene et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia officia illa tangentia exequendum, priùs praeſtandis, ſecundum formam et effectum praedicti ſacramenti, mutatis mutandis, Praeſidi Regalis Societatis praedictae per Cancellarium noſtrum Angliae adminiſtrandi; (cui quidem Praeſidi pro tempore exiſtenti ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare perſonis praedictis, et aliis quibuſcunque in poſterum de tempore in tempus in Concilium praedictum eligendis, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus per praeſentes;) Et quod eaedem perſonae ſic, ut praefertur, ad Con-

To continue till next St. Andrew's Day, and till others ſhall be elected and ſworn, unleſs amoved for juſt Cauſe; having firſt taken, before the Preſident, the like Oath as he took, mutatis mutandis.

[1] *Sic in* Authent. [2] *Sic in* Authent.

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cilium praedictae Regalis Societatis electae praefectae et juratae, et in poſterum eligendae praeficiendae et jurandae de tempore in tempus, erunt et exiſtent auxiliantes conſulentes et aſſiſtentes in omnibus materiis rebus et negotiis meliores [1] regulationem gubernationem et directionem praedictae Regalis Societatis, et cujuſlibet Membri ejuſdem, tangentibus ſeu concernentibus.

The Preſident, Council and Fellows, or any nine or more of them (of whom, &c,) may hold Aſſemblies at any Time or Place in London, or within ten Miles of it.

CONCEDIMUS etiam Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis praedictae et eorum in perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores eorum, ſeu aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) conventus ſeu congregationes de ſeipſis pro experimentorum et rerum naturalium cognitione et indagine aliiſque negotiis ad Societatem praedictam ſpectantibus quoties et quando opus fuerit, licite facere et habere poſſint in collegio ſive aula ſive alio loco commodo intra civitatem noſtram Londini, vel in aliquo alio loco commodo intra decem milliaria ab eadem civitate noſtra.

The Preſident, Council and Fellows, or any thirty-one or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one) or the major Part of ſuch thirty-one or more, may, upon every St. Andrew's Day annually, elect one of the Council to be their Preſident; who ſhall continue ſo, (if not dead or amoved,) till

ET VLTERIVS volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod Praeſes Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentes, ſive aliqui triginta et unus vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) ſeu major pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus poteſtatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt nominandi et eligendi, et quod eligere et nominare poſſint et valeant, quolibet anno in praedicto feſto Sancti Andre

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

Andreae, unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, qui ſit et erit Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli exinde proximum ſequentem (ſi tam diu vixerit, aut interim pro aliqua juſta et rationabili cauſa non amotus fuerit,) et exinde quouſque unus alius in officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit; quodque ille poſtquam ſic ut praefertur electus et nominatus fuerit in officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae, antequam ad officium illud admittatur ſacramentum corporale coram Concilio ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ad officium illud recte bene et fideliter in omnibus officium illud tangentibus exequendum praeſtabit, ſecundùm formam et effectum praedicti ſacramenti, mutatis mutandis; (cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare, pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotieſcunque Praeſidem eligere opus fuerit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes;) et quod poſt hujuſmodi ſacramentum ſic ut praefertur praeſtitum, officium Praeſidis Regalis Societatis praedictae uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli exinde proximum ſeqūentem exequi valeat et poſſit: Et ſi contigerit Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentem aliquo tempore, quamdiu fuerit in officio Praeſidis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis, obire, decedere, vel ab officio ſuo amoveri; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae eorumque in perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, ſive aliquibus undecim vel pluribus eorum, convenire vel congregari ad eligendum unum de praedicto numero Concilii praedicti in Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; et quod ille, qui per Concilium

the next St. Andrew's Day, and till another ſhall be elected; having firſt been ſworn in before the Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

On the Death or amotion of a Preſident, or if he quits, the Council or any eleven or more of them may meet to chooſe a Preſident out of the Council: and the Perſon choſen by them, or the major Part of them, being ſworn, ſhall hold during

the Reſidue of the Year, and until another ſhall be elected and ſworn.

lium praedictum, vel per praedictos undecim vel plures, vel per majorem partem praedictorum undecim et plurium, electus fuerit et juratus, ut praefertur, officium illud habeat et exerceat durante reſiduo ejuſdem anni, et quouſque alius ad officium illud debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, ſacramento corporali in forma ſupra ſpecificata priùs praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit.

On the death, amotion, or quitting of any of the Council, (who are hereby made amoveable by the Preſident and Council for ſufficient Cauſe,) the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any twenty-one or more of them (of whom, &c,) or the major Part of ſuch twenty-one or more, may ſupply the Vacancy from amongſt the Fellows: And the Perſon or Perſons elected ſhall hold, (being firſt ſworn,) till the next St. Andrew's Day, and until another or others ſhall be elected.

ET VLTERIVS volumus, quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente mori, vel ab officio illo amoveri, vel decedere; quos quidem de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae et eorum quemlibet pro male ſe gerendis aut aliqua alia rationabili cauſa amobiles eſſe volumus, ad beneplacitum Praeſidis et caeterorum de Concilio praedicto (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel majoris partis eorundem; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae eorumque in perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, vel aliquibus viginti uni vel pluribus eorundem (quorum Praeſidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel majori parti praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium, unum alium vel plures alios de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, loco ſive locis ipſius vel ipſorum ſic mortuorum decedentium vel amotorum, ad ſupplendum praedictum numerum viginti et unius perſonarum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae nominare eligere et praeficere; et quod ille ſive illi ſic in officio illo electi et praefecti idem officium habeat et habeant uſque ad feſtum Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli tunc proximum ſequentem, et exinde quouſque unus alius vel plures alii electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit, electi praefecti

ſti et nominati fuerint; ſacramento corporali ad officium illud omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia, coram Praeſide Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel aliquibus ſeptem l pluribus eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, l ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus,) bene et fideer exequendum, ſecundùm veram intentionem praeſentium, ius praeſtando.

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredis et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Conci et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, od ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui, ſive aliqui triginta et unus vel plures rum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus eputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) ſive major pars praeſtorum triginta et unius vel plurium quolibet anno, in praeſto feſto Sancti Andreae Apoſtoli, plenam poteſtatem et auoritatem habeant et habebunt eligendi nominandi praeficiendi mutandi decem de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, ad pplendum loca et officia decem praedicti numeri viginti et ius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae; quoniam regiam luntatem noſtram eſſe declaramus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis redibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus, quod decem de oncilio praedicto, et non amplius, per Praeſidem Concilium Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae annuatim mutati et amoti erint.

On St. Andrew's Day, *Ten* of the Council (but no more) are to be changed by the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any thirty-one or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy always to be one,) or the major Part of ſuch thirty-one or more.

Volvmvs etiam, et pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus nois concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedice Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod contigerit Praeſidem ejuſdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore iſtentem aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in ſervitio

The Preſident may appoint *One* out of the Council to be his Deputy;

noſtro

noſtro heredum vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorum verſari, vel alit
eſſe occupatum, ita quod neceſſariis negotiis ejuſdem Rega
Societatis officium Praeſidis tangentibus attendere non poter
quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praeſidi ſic d
tento verſato vel occupato, *unum* de Concilio Praedictae Rega
Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, fore et eſſe *Deputatum* ejuſde
Praeſidis, nominare et appunctuare; qui quidem Deputatu
in officio Deputati Praeſidis praedicti ſic faciendus et conſtit
endus, ſit et erit Deputatus ejuſdem Praeſidis, de tempore
tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contiger
durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeſes in officio Praeſi
continuaverit; *niſi* interim praedictus Praeſes Regalis Societa
praedictae pro tempore exiſtens unum alium de praedicto Con
lio ejus Deputatum fecerit et conſtituerit; Et quod quili
hujuſmodi Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis, ſic ut praefertur fa
endus et conſtituendus, omnia et ſingula, quae ad offici
Praeſidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent ſeu pertin
debent, vel per praedictum Praeſidem virtute harum Literar
noſtrarum patentium limitata et appunctuata fore [1] facienda
exequenda, de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedic
Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Depu
tus praedicti Praeſidis continuaverit, facere et exequi valea
poſſit, vigore harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, a
plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, p
Praeſes praedictus, ſi praeſens eſſet, illa facere et exequi val
et poſſet; ſacramento corporali ſupra ſancta Dei Evangeli
forma et effectu ſupra ſpecificatis per hujuſmodi Deputatum
omnia et ſingula, quae ad officium Praeſidis pertinent ben
fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae R

Who may act as ſuch in his Abſence, unleſs the Preſident makes ſome other Deputy out of the Council.

The Deputy may, in the Abſence of the Preſident, do all Acts that he himſelf could do if preſent.

But he muſt firſt be ſworn before the Council, or ſeven or more of them.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

s Societatis, vel aliquibus [1] ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, prius aeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit; cui quidem oncilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore iſtente [2], ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare poteſtatem et ithoritatem, quoties caſus ſic acciderit, damus et concedimus r praeſentes, abſque brevi commiſſione ſive ulteriori warranto ea parte a nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris procundo ſeu obtinendo.

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredius et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Conlio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus is, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui de caetero in perpetuum haeant et habebunt unum Theſaurarium, duos Secretarios, Cutores experimentorum duos vel plures, Clericum unum vel ures, et praeterea duos Servientes ad clavas qui de tempore tempus ſuper Praeſidem attendant; quodque praedicti Theurarius Secretarii Curatores Clericus vel Clerici et Servientes l clavas, per Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis raedictae, ſive per aliquos triginta et unum vel plures eorum quorum praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputaim, unum eſſe volumus) vel per majorem partem praedictoim triginta et unius vel plurium, eligendi et nominandi, itequam ad officia ſua ſpecialia et reſpectiva exequendum adiittantur, ſacramenta ſua corporalia in forma et effectu ſupra oecificatis, coram Praeſide vel ejus Deputato, et Concilio ejuſem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eoum, officia ſua ſeparalia et reſpectiva in omnibus illa tangen-

The Society may have a Treaſurer, two Secretaries, two or more Curators of Experiments, one Clerk or more, and two Serjeants at Mace to attend upon the Preſident. All theſe are to be choſen and named by the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any Thirty-one or more of them, (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one,) or by the major Part of ſuch Thirty-one or more: And they muſt be ſworn before the Preſident or his Deputy, and the Council, or any ſeven or more of them.

[1] N. B. This Number of *ſeven* is *not* leſſened by the third Charter as to the two *new* aths there enjoined; But as to this *Oath* of *Office*, *five* are made ſufficient.
[2] *Sic in* Authent.

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tibus recte bene et fideliter exequendum praeſtabunt; et qu
poſt hujuſmodi ſacramenta ſic ut praefertur praeſtita, offi
ſua reſpectiva exerceant et utantur; quibus quidem Praeſidi
Concilio, aut aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, ſacramen
praedicta de tempore in tempus adminiſtrare praedictis ſepa
libus et reſpectivis officiariis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis plenam pot
tatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praeſent

The firſt Treaſurer named; and alſo the two firſt Secretaries.

Et aſſignavimus nominavimus elegimus creavimus conſtit
mus et fecimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſu
ceſſoribus noſtris aſſignamus nominamus eligimus creamus co
ſtituimus et facimus dilectos ſubditos noſtros praedictum W
lielmum *Balle* Armigerum fore et eſſe primum et modern
Theſaurarium, et praedictum [1] Iohannem *Wilkins* et Henricu
Oldenburg fore et eſſe primos et modernos Secretarios praedic
Regalis Societatis, continuandos in eiſdem officiis uſque
praedictum feſtum Sancti Andrae Apoſtoli proximum ſeque
tem poſt datum praeſentium: Quodque de tempore in temp
et ad omnia tempora, in praedicto feſto Sancti Andreae Apoſt
(ſi non fuerit dies Dominicus, et ſi fuerit dies Dominicus, tu
die proximo ſequente) Praeſes Concilium et Sodales praedic
Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentes, ſive aliqui triginta
unus vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore ex
tentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) ſive ma
pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, probos et d
cretos viros de tempore in tempus in Theſaurarium et Sec
tarios, qui ſunt et erunt de numero Concilii Regalis Societa
praedictae, eligere nominare et praeficere valeant et poſſin
quodque illi qui in ſeparalia et reſpectiva officia praedicta
ut praefertur electi praefecti et jurati fuerint, officia illa reſp

On every St. Andrew's Day, (unleſs it be Sunday, and then on the next Day,) the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any Thirty-one or more of them (of whom, &c,), or the major Part of ſuch Thirty-one or more, may elect proper Perſons, out of the Council, to be Treaſurer and Secretaries; who, after being ſworn, are to hold their Offices till the following St. Andrew's Day.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

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a exercere et gaudere poſſint et valeant uſque ad praedictum
tum Sancti Andreae extunc proximum ſequentem, ſacramen-
ſuis praedictis ſic ut praefertur priùs praeſtandis; et ſic toties
oties caſus ſic acciderit. Et ſi contigerit electiones praedic-
Praeſidis Concilii, Theſaurarii, Secretariorum, vel alicujus
l aliquorum eorum, in feſto Sancti Andreae praedicto com-
ode fieri vel perfici non poſſe, damus et concedimus praedic-
Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus, et ſucceſſoribus eorum in
rpetuum, quod ipſi, vel aliqui triginta et unus vel plures eo-
m (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus De-
tatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel major pars praedictorum
ginta et unius vel plurium, licite poſſint nominare et aſſig-
re unum alium diem, quam proxime ad feſtum Sancti An-
eae praedictum commode fieri poterit, pro electionibus prae-
ctis faciendis vel perficiendis; et ſic de die in diem, donec
aedictae electiones perficiantur. Et ſi contigerit aliquem
l aliquos officiariorum praedictorum ejuſdem Regalis Socie-
tis obire, decedere, vel ab officiis ſuis reſpectivis amoveri,
od tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Praeſidi Concilio et
dalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et eorum ſucceſſoribus
perpetuum, ſive aliquibus viginti et uni vel pluribus eorum
uorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputa-
m, unum eſſe volumus) ſeu majori parti praedictorum vi-
nti et unius vel plurium, alium vel alios in officium ſive
ficia illarum perſonarum ſic defunctarum decedentium ſive
notarum eligere et praeficere; et quod ille ſive illi ſic electus
praefectus electi et praefecti officia praedicta reſpectiva ha-
ant et exerceant durante reſiduo ejuſdem anni, et quouſque
us ſive alii ad officia illa reſpectiva debito modo electus et
ratus fuerit, electi et jurati fuerint; et ſic toties quoties caſus
acciderit.

If the Elections of Preſident, Council, Treaſurer, and Secretaries, or any of them, can't conveniently be made or finiſhed upon St. Andrew's Day, the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any Thirty-one, or more of them, (of whom, &c,) or the major Part of ſuch Thirty-one, or more, may appoint one or more other Day or Days, till they ſhall be finiſhed.

If any of the ſaid Officers die, quit, or be amoved, the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any Twenty-one, or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one,) or the major Part of ſuch Twenty-one, or more, may elect others for the Reſidue of the Year, and till new ones ſhall be elected and ſworn.

The Preſident and Council, (*every* Member of the Council being always duly ſummoned to extraordinary Meetings,) or any Nine or more of them, (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one) may meet, in London, or within ten Miles of London; and they, or the major Part of them, may make Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, and tranſact all Matters relating to the Management of the Society and its Affairs; and all their Acts ſhall be valid: But their Statutes muſt be reaſonable, and not contrary to Law.

Et insuper volumus, ac de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris concedimus praefatis Praſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod Praeſes et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtentes (praemiſſâ ſemper in conventibus extraordinariis omnium Membrorum Concilii praedicti debita ſeu legitima ſummonitione vel citation ſive aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem p tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumu pariter congregare et aſſemblare poſſint et valeant in colleg ſive aula ſive alio loco conveniente intra civitatem noſtra Londini, vel in aliquo alio loco conveniente intra decem m liaria ab eadem civitate noſtra; et quod ipſi ſic congregati aſſemblati, ſive major pars eorum, habebunt et habeant p nam authoritatem poteſtatem et facultatem de tempore in te pus condendi conſtituendi ordinandi faciendi et ſtabiliendi h juſmodi leges ſtatuta jura ordinationes et conſtitutiones, q eis aut eorum majori parti bona ſalubria utilia honeſta et nec ſaria juxta eorum ſanas diſcretiones fore videbuntur, pro m liori gubernatione regulatione et directione Regalis Societa praedictae et cujuſlibet Membri ejuſdem, omniaque ad gub nationem res bona facultates redditus terras tenementa here tamenta et negotia Regalis Societatis praedictae ſpectantia ag di et faciendi; quae omnia et ſingula leges ſtatuta jura ordi tiones et conſtitutiones ſic ut praefertur facienda volumus, per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris fir ter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus, quod de tempore tempus inviolabiliter obſervata fuerint, ſecundum tenorem effectum eorundem: Ita tamen, quod praedictae leges ſtat jura ordinationes et conſtitutiones ſic ut praefertur facienda, eorum quaelibet, ſint rationabilia, et non ſint repugnantia

contraria legibus conſuetudinibus juribus ſive ſtatutis hujus regni noſtri Angliae.

The Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any twenty-one or more of them, (of whom the Preſident, or his Deputy to be always one,) or the major Part of ſuch twenty-one or more, may appoint one Printer or more, and one Engraver or more, and authorize them, by writing under the common Seal, and ſigned by the Preſident, to print ſuch Things (touching or concerning the Royal Society) as ſhall be given them in Charge by the Preſident and Council, or any 7 or more of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be one,) or the major Part of ſuch ſeven or more. They muſt be firſt ſworn before the Preſident and Council, or ſeven or more of them.

Et vlterivs de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praeſidi[1] *Concilio et Sodalibus* praedictae Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, *ſive aliquibus viginti et uni vel pluribus eorum* (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe volumus) *ſeu majori parti praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium*, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi nominandi et conſtituendi unum vel plures Typographos ſive Impreſſores, et Chalcographos ſeu Sculptores, et ipſi vel ipſis per ſcriptum communi Sigillo praedictae Regalis Societatis ſigillatum, et manu Praeſidis pro tempore exiſtentis ſignatum, facultatem concedendi, ut imprimant tales res materias et negotia praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, quales praedicto Typographo vel Impreſſori, Chalcographo ſeu Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impreſſoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praeſidem et Concilium Praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos ſeptem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel per majorem partem praedictorum ſeptem vel plurium, commiſſae fuerint; ſacramentis ſuis corporalibus, antequam ad officia ſua exercenda admittantur, coram Praeſide et Concilio pro tempore exiſtente, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, in forma et effectu ultimis[2] ſpecificatis, prius praeſtandis; quibus quidem Praeſidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum,

[1] V. poſt, p. 52. [2] *Sic in* Authent.

ſacramenta

ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare plenam poteſtatem et auth
ritatem damus et concedimus per praeſentes.

The Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any nine or more of them (of whom, &c,) or the major Part of ſuch nine or more, ſhall have the ſame Right to demand and receive (by their Aſſignee or Aſſignees) the Bodies of executed Criminals, and to anatomize them, as the College of Phyſicians and the Company of Surgeons of London uſe or enjoy.

Et vlterivs, quod praedicti Praeſes Concilium et Soda
praedictae Regalis Societatis in philoſophicis ſuis ſtudiis meli
rem ſortiantur effectum, de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac
certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus,
per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris dam
et concedimus praedictis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus pra
dictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuu
quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui, ſive aliqui novem vel plures eoru
(quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Depu
tum, unum eſſe volumus) ſive major pars praedictorum nove
vel plurium, de tempore in tempus, habeant et habebunt p
nam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, et
talia tempeſtiva tempora, ſecundum eorum diſcretionem, p
aſſignatum vel aſſignatos ſuos requirere capere et recipere ca
vera talium perſonarum, quae mortem manu carnificis paſ
fuerunt, et ea anatomizare, in tam amplis modo et forma,
ad omnes intentiones et propoſita, prout Praeſidens Colle
Medicorum et Societatis Chirurgorum civitatis noſtrae *Lond*
(quibuſcunque nominibus duae praedictae corporationes in
nitae fuerint) eiſdem cadaveribus uſi vel gaviſi fuerunt, aut
vel gaudere valeant et poſſint.

Licence is given to them or any nine (as laſt above) or the major Part of them, to hold a Correſpondence, on Philoſophical,

Et vlterivs, pro melioratione experimentorum artium
ſcientiarum praedictae Regalis Societatis, de abundantiori gra
noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedi
et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucc
ſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Conci
et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſ

n perpetuum, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui, ſive aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) ſive major pars praedictorum novem vel plurium, de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem per literas vel epiſtolas, ſub manu praedicti Praeſidis vel ejus Deputati, in praeſentia Concilii vel aliquorum ſeptem vel plurium eorum, et in nomine Regalis Societatis, mutuis intelligentiis fruentur [1] et [2] negotiis cum omnibus et omnimodis peregrinis et alienis, utrum privatis vel collegiatis, corporatis vel politicis, abſque aliqua moleſtatione interruptione vel inquietate [3] quacunque: Proviso tamen, quod haec indulgentia noſtra ſic, ut praefertur, conceſſa ad ulteriorem non extendatur uſum, quam particulare beneficium et intereſſe praedictae Regalis Societatis in materiis ſeu rebus philoſophicis mathematicis aut mechanicis.

Mathematical, or Mechanical Subjects, with all Sorts of Foreigners, by Letters ſigned by the Preſident or his Deputy, in the Preſence of the Council, or any Seven or more of them, and in the Name of the Society.

Et vlterivs dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, ſive Praeſidi et Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae vel majori parti eorum, plenam poteſtatem et authoritatem erigendi aedificandi et extruendi, aut erigi aedificari et extrui faciendi vel cauſandi, intra civitatem noſtram Londini, vel decem milliaria ab eadem, unum vel plura collegium vel collegia cujuſcunque modi et qualitatis, pro habitatione aſſemblatione et congregatione praedictorum Praeſidis Concilii et Sodalium praedictae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſorum ſuorum, ad negotia ſua et alias res ean-

Licence given to the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or to the Preſident and Council, or the major Part of them, to build a College or Colleges in London, or within ten Miles of it.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.
[2] In the firſt Charter, it is "*notitiis*": v. ante, p. 16.
[3] *Sic in* Authent.

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dem Regalem Societatem concernentes ordinandum et diſpo-
nendum.

If any Abuſes ſhall happen, or Diſſenſions ariſe, they ſhall be reformed and ſettled by the Earl of Clarendon (Lord Chancellor) alone, if living; and after his Death, by the Archbiſhop of Canterbury, the Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal, the Treaſurer, Privy Seal, Biſhop of London, and two principal Secretaries, for the Time being, or any four or more of them.

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus conſtituimus et appunctuamus, quod ſi aliqui abuſus vel diſcrepantiae in poſterum orientur et accident de gubernatione aut aliis rebus vel negotiis praedictae Regalis Societatis, unde ejuſdem conſtitutioni ſtabilimini et ſtudiorum progreſſui vel rebus et negotiis aliqua inferatur injuria vel impedimentum; quod tunc et toties per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris authorizamus nominamus aſſignamus et conſtituimus praefatum praedilectum et perquam fidelem conſanguineum et conſiliarium noſtrum Edwardum Comitem de *Clarendon* Cancellarium noſtrum regni noſtri Angliae, per ſeipſum durante vita ſua, et poſt ejus mortem, tunc Archiepiſcopum Cantuarienſem, Cancellarium vel Cuſtodem magni Sigilli Angliae, Theſaurarium Angliae, Cuſtodem privati Sigilli, Epiſcopum Londinenſem, et duos principales Secretarios pro tempore exiſtentes, aut aliquos quatuor vel plures eorum, eaſdem diſcrepantias et abuſus reconciliare componere et reducere.

General Clauſes.

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus omnibus et ſingulis Juſtitiariis, Majoribus, Aldermannis, Vicecomitibus, Ballivis, Conſtabulariis, et aliis officiariis miniſtris et ſubditis noſtris heredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque, quod de tempore in tempus ſint auxiliantes et aſſiſtentes praedictis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, eorumque in perpetuum ſucceſſoribus, in omnibus et per omnia, ſecundum veram intentionem harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium.

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Eo, quod expreſſa mentio de vero valore annuo, vel de cer-
tudine praemiſſorum ſive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis
ve conceſſionibus per nos ſeu per aliquem progenitorum ſive
aedeceſſorum noſtrorum praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Soda-
bus Regalis Societatis praedictae ante haec tempora factis, in
aeſentibus minime facta exiſtit, aut aliquo ſtatuto actu ordi-
ıtione proviſione proclamatione ſive reſtrictione in contrarium
ıde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis ſive proviſis, aut ali-
ıa alia re cauſa vel materia quacunque, in aliquo non ob-
ante.

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ıtentes. Teste Me ipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium, viceſimo
cundo die Aprilis, anno regni noſtri decimo quinto.

Per breve de privato ſigillo.

HOWARD.

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CHARTA TERTIA,

Iiſdem ab eodem conceſſa, *A. D.*

MDCLXIX.

CAROLVS SECVNDVS Dei gratia Angliae Scotia Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defenſor, etc, omnibus ad quos hae Literae noſtrae patentes pervenerint, ſalutem.

Sciatis, quod nos de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac pe praſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus e concedimus dilectis et fidelibus noſtris *Praeſidi Concilio et Soda libus Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promovenda*

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t ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, totam illam peciam terrae Grant of Lands in Chelſey.
rabilis vocatam *Teamſhott*, continentem per aeſtimationem vi-
inti acras, jacentem inter viam noſtram ducentem a Weſt-
nonaſterio verſus *Chelſey*, ex parte boreali et occidentali, et
eciam prati continentem per aeſtimationem quatuor acras,
arcellam octodecim acrarum prati nuper in tenura Comitis,
Nottinghamienſis vel aſſignatorum ſuorum, ex parte auſtrali,
c clauſum prati vocatum *Stone-bridge Cloſe* ex parte orientali,
t peciam terrae arabilis nuper in occupatione Thomae *Evans*
el aſſignatorum ſuorum, ex parte occidentali; per particularia
nde mentionata eſſe annualis redditus, ſive valoris, viginti tri-
m ſolidorum et quatuor denariorum; Nec non totum illum
raedictum clauſum prati vocatum *Stony Bridge Cloſe*, conti-
entem per aeſtimationem quatuor acras, nuper in occupa-
ione Iohannis *Deakes* vel aſſignatorum ſuorum, jacentem inter
ivum vocatum *Le Common Sewer* ex parte orientali, et prae-
ictam peciam terrae vocatam *Teamſhott* ex parte occidentali, et
ontem vocatum *Stony Bridge* ex parte boreali; per particula-
ia inde mentionata eſſe annualis redditus, ſive valoris, viginti
olidorum; Nec non totam illam unam peciam terrae arabilis
n communi campo vocato *Eaſt-Field*, continentem per aeſti-
nationem tres acras, nuper in occupatione Thomae *Frances*
el aſſignatorum ſuorum, jacentem inter praedictam peciam
errae vocatam *Teamſhott* ex parte orientali, peciam terrae ara-
ilis nuper in tenura Comitis Lincolnienſis vel aſſignatorum
uorum, ex parte occidentali, parcellam prati de *Earles-Court*
Land, ex parte auſtrali, et viam noſtram ducentem a Weſtmo-
aſterio verſus *Chelſey* praedictam, ex parte boreali et occiden-
ali; per particularia inde mentionata eſſe annualis redditus
ive valoris quatuor ſolidorum; (quae quidem praemiſſa ſunt
ut olim fuerunt parcella terrae noſtrae in *Chelſey*, exiſtentis

parcellae terrae Dominicalis Manerii de *Chelſey* praedicta,
nuper fuerunt parcella poſſeſſionum Iohannis nuper Duc
Northumbriae; et quae nuper per praechariſſimum avum n
ſtrum beatae memoriae Iacobum Regem, per Literas ſuas p
tentes, gerentes datum apud Weſtmonaſterium octavo d
Maii anno regni ſui Angliae octavo et Scotiae quadrageſim
tertio, conceſſa fuerunt aut mentionata eſſe conceſſa Praep
ſito et Sociis Collegii Regis Iacobi in *Chelſey* prope *London* e
fundatione ejuſdem Iacobi Regis Angliae, et ſucceſſoribus ſu
in perpetuum; tenendum de praefato Iacobo Rege, ut de ma
nerio ſuo de *Eaſt Greenwich* in comitatu Cantiae, per fidelita
tem tantum, in libero et communi ſoccagio, et non in capite
nec per ſervitium militare;) Ac etiam omnia et ſingula domu
aedificia ſtructuras boſcos ſubboſcos arbores, ac totam terra
fundum et ſolum eorundem boſcorum ſubboſcorum et arbo
rum, ac omnia alia jura juriſdictiones franchefias privilegia l
bertates proficua commoditates advantagia emolumenta et he
reditamenta noſtra quaecunque, cum eorum pertinentiis uni
verſis, cujuſcunque ſint generis naturae ſeu ſpeciei, ſeu quibu
cunque nominibus ſciantur cenſeantur nuncupentur ſeu cogno
ſcantur, ſituata jacentia et exiſtentia provenientia creſcentia re
novantia ſive emergentia infra comitatum villas campos loc
ſive hamletas praedicta, vel alibi ubicunque, praedictis terri
et caeteris praemiſſis vel alicui inde parcellae quoquo mod
ſpectantia; Necnon reverſionem et reverſiones omnium et ſin
gulorum praemiſſorum ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſo
rum, et cujuſlibet inde parcellae, dependentes vel expectante
de in vel ſuper aliquam dimiſſionem vel conceſſionem pro ter
mino vel terminis vitae vel vitarum vel annorum, aut aliter d
praemiſſis ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſis ſeu de aliqu
inde parcella quoquo modo factam, exiſtentem de recordo ve

on de recordo; Necnon omnia et ſingula redditus et annualia roficua quaecunque reſervata ſuper quibuſcunque dimiſſionius vel conceſſionibus de et ſuper praemiſſa per praeſentes praeonceſſa, vel de et ſuper aliquam inde parcellam.

Dedimus etiam et conceſſimus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis eredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus, praeitis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini ro ſcientia naturali promovenda, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in erpetuum, quod ipſi et eorum ſucceſſores de caetero in perpeum habeant teneant et gaudeant, ac habere tenere et gauere valeant et poſſint, infra praemiſſa ſuperius per praeſentes raeconceſſa, ac infra quamlibet inde parcellam, tot tanta talia adem hujuſmodi et conſimilia jura juriſdictiones libertates anchefias conſuetudines privilegia proficua commoditates adantagia emolumenta et hereditamenta quaecunque, quot uanta qualia et quae, ac adeo plene libere et integre, ac in m amplis modo et forma, prout praedictus Iohannes nuper ux Northumbriae, aut praedictus Praepoſitus et Socii Collei Regis Iacobi in *Chelſey* prope *London* ex fundatione ejuſdem cobi Regis Angliae, aut aliquis alius ſive aliqui alii, praecta terras tenementa et caetera praemiſſa cum ſuis pertinentiis, it aliquam, inde parcellam, unquam antehac habentes poſſintes aut ſeiſiti inde exiſtentes, habens poſſidens aut ſeiſitus de exiſtens, unquam habuerunt tenuerunt uſi vel gaviſi fuent, habuit tenuit uſus vel gaviſus fuit, ſeu habere tenere uti l gaudere debuerunt aut debuit, in praemiſſis ſuperius per aeſentes praeconceſſis, aut aliqua inde parcella, ratione vel aetextu alicujus chartae doni conceſſionis vel confirmationis r nos ſeu aliquem progenitorum vel anteceſſorum noſtrorum per Regum vel Reginarum Angliae antehac habitorum fac-

torum vel conceſſorum ſeu confirmatorum, aut ratione ve praetextu alicujus actus Parliamenti vel aliquorum actuum Parliamentorum, aut ratione vel praetextu alicujus legitimae praeſcriptionis uſus ſeu conſuetudinis antehac habitorum ſeu uſitatorum, aut aliter quocunque legali modo jure ſeu titulo; a adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout nos aut aliquis progenitorum vel anteceſſorum noſtrorur nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliae praedicta terras tenement et caetera praemiſſa, aut aliquam inde parcellam, habuimus e gaviſi fuimus aut habuerunt et gaviſi fuerunt, ſeu habere et gau dere debuimus aut habere et gaudere debuerunt aut debuit.

Damus ulterius, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus e ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio e Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali pro movenda, et eorum ſucceſſoribus, omnia et ſingula praemiſ ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſa, cum eorum pertinenti univerſis, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis mo et forma, prout ea omnia et ſingula praemiſſa, aut aliqua in parcella, ad manus noſtras, ſeu ad manus aliquorum progen torum vel anteceſſorum noſtrorum nuper Regum vel Regin rum Angliae, ratione vel praetextu diſſolutionis vel ſurſu redditionis alicujus nuper monaſterii prioratus ſive hoſpital aut ratione vel praetextu alicujus actus Parliamenti vel aliqu rum actuum Parliamentorum, aut ratione alicujus attinctu ſive forisfacturae, aut ratione alicujus excambii vel perquiſ aut alicujus doni vel conceſſionis, aut ratione eſchaetae, a quocunque alio legali modo jure ſeu titulo devenerunt ſeu venire debuerunt, ac in manibus noſtris jam exiſtunt ſeu ex

Tenure. tere debent vel debuerunt: habendum tenendum et gaudend praedicta terras tenementa et hereditamenta, ac caetera om

ſingula praemiſſa ſuperius per praeſentes praeconceſſa, cum
rum pertinentiis univerſis, praefato Praeſidi Concilio et Soda-
us Regalis Societatis Londini pro ſcientia naturali promo-
nda, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum; tenendum de nobis
redibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, ut de manerio noſtro de *Eaſt*
eenwich in comitatu noſtro Cantiae, per fidelitatem tantum,
libero et communi ſoccagio, et non in capite, nec per ſervi-
ım militare; ac reddendum annuatim nobis heredibus et ſuc- Rent.
ſſoribus noſtris de et pro praedicta terra arabili vocata *Team-*
ott viginti tres ſolidos et quatuor denarios, ac de et pro prae-
cto clauſo prati vocato *Stony Bridge Cloſe* viginti ſolidos, ac
et pro praedicta pecia terrae arabilis in communi campo vo-
to *Eaſt Field* quatuor ſolidos legalis monetae Angliae, ad feſta
ncti Michaelis Archangeli et Annunciationis beatae Mariae
irginis, ad receptam Scaccarii noſtri Weſtmonaſterii heredum
ſucceſſorum noſtrorum, ſeu ad manus Ballivorum, ſeu Re-
ptorum praemiſſorum pro tempore exiſtente[1], per aequales
ortiones annuatim ſolvendas in perpetuum.

Et vlterivs de uberiori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa Exonerations, Acquittances, &c.
ientia et mero motu noſtris volumus, ac per praeſentes pro
obis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefato
raeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et
ucceſſoribus ſuis, quod nos heredes et ſucceſſores noſtri de cae-
ero in perpetuum annuatim, et de tempore in tempus, exone-
abimus acquietabimus et indempnes conſervabimus, tam prae-
atos Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis prae-
ictae et ſucceſſores ſuos, quam pradicta terras tenementa et
aetera omnia et ſingula praemiſſa ſuperius expreſſa et ſpecificata
c per praeſentes praeconceſſa, et quamlibet inde parcellam,

[1] *Sic in* Authent. *et paſſim infra.*

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cum eorum pertinentiis univerſis, de et ab omnibus et omn
modis corrodiis redditibus feodis ſervitiis annuitatibus penſion
bus portionibus ac denariorum ſummis ac oneribus quibuſcunq
de praemiſſis, ſeu aliqua inde parcella, nobis heredibus vel ſu
ceſſoribus noſtris exeuntibus vel ſolvendis, vel ſuperinde verſ
nos heredes vel ſucceſſores noſtros oneratis vel onerandis; pra
terquam de redditibus ſervitiis et tenuris ſuperius in his pra
ſentibus nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris reſervatis,
praeterquam de dimiſſionibus et conceſſionibus de praemiſ
ſeu de aliqua inde parcella antehac factis, ac conventionibus
conditionibus in iiſdem exiſtentibus, ac conventionibus et on
ribus, quae aliquis firmarius ſeu aliqui firmarii praemiſſoru
ratione indenturarum et dimiſſionum ſuarum facere et exon
rare tenetur ſeu tenentur.

Volumus etiam, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus
ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo praecipimus, ta
Commiſſionariis pro theſauro noſtro, Theſaurario, Camerari
Subtheſaurario, et Baronibus Scaccarii noſtri heredum et ſu
ceſſorum noſtrorum pro tempore exiſtente, quam omnibus
ſingulis Auditoribus, et aliis officiariis, et miniſtris noſtris h
redum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque pro tempore e
iſtente; quod ipſi et eorum quilibet ſuper ſolam demonſtratione
harum Literarum noſtrarorum patentium, vel irrotulamen
earundem, abſque aliquo alio brevi ſeu warranto a nobis her
dibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris quoquo modo impetrando ſeu pr
ſequendo, plenam integram debitamque allocationem et exon
rationem manifeſtam de et ab omnibus et omnimodis huju
modi corrodiis redditibus feodis penſionibus portionibus et de
nariorum ſummis ac oneribus quibuſcunque (praeterquam
ſervitiis redditibus tenuris ac arreragiis redditus ac caeteris pra
miſſ

iſſis in his praeſentibus, ut praefertur, reſervatis, et per prae-
:os Praeſidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae
 ſucceſſores ſuos ſolubilibus fiendis [1] ſeu performandis) de
aemiſſis per praeſentes praeconceſſis, ſeu de aliqua inde parte
l parcella, nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris exeunti-
s ſeu ſolvendis, vel ſuperinde verſus nos heredes vel ſucceſſores
ſtros oneratis ſeu onerandis, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et
dalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis faci-
t, et de tempore in tempus fieri cauſabunt: Et hae Literae
ſtrae patentes, vel irrotulamentum earundem, erunt de tem-
:e in tempus, tam dictis Commiſſionariis pro theſauro noſtro,
ıeſaurario, Cancellario, et Baronibus Scaccarii noſtri heredum
ſucceſſorum noſtrorum pro tempore exiſtente, quam omnibus
ſingulis Auditoribus, et aliis officiariis, et miniſtris noſtris
ˈedum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque pro tempore
ſtente, ſufficiens warrantum et exoneratio in hac parte.

Et cvm nos per Literas noſtras patentes, gerentes datum
ıd Weſtmonaſterium viceſimo ſecundo die Aprilis, anno
ni noſtri decimo quinto, Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Re-
is Societatis praedictae factas, inter alia conceſſimus praefa-
Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et
ceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod ſi contigerit Praeſidem
ſdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente aegritudine vel
ırmitate detineri, vel in ſervitio noſtro heredum vel ſucceſſo-
n noſtrorum verſari, vel aliter eſſe occupatum, ita quod ne-
ſariis negotiis ejuſdem Regalis Societatis officium Praeſidis
gentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene li-
t et licebit eidem Praeſidi ſic detento verſato vel occupato
m de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exi-

Recital of ſome Parts of the Second Charter.

[1] *Sic in* Authentic.

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ſtente, fore et eſſe *Deputatum* ejuſdem Praeſidis, nominare
appunctuare; qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praeſi
praedicti ſic faciendus et conſtituendus, ſit et eſſet Deputat
ejuſdem Praeſidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties pra
dictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante toto tempore, q
praedictus Praeſes in officio praeſidis continuaverit, *niſi* inter
praedictus Praeſes Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore e
ſtente unum alium de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fece
et conſtituerit; Et quod quilibet hujuſmodi Deputatus praedi
Praeſidis, ſic ut praefertur faciendus et conſtituendus, omnia
ſingula quae ad officium Praeſidis praedictae Regalis Societa
pertinent ſeu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum Praeſid
virtute iſtarum Literarum noſtrarum patentium limitata et
punctuata fore [1] facienda et exequenda, de tempore in temp
toties quoties praedictus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, dura
tali tempore, quo Deputatus praedicti Praeſidis continuave
facere et exequi valeat et poſſit, vigore iſtarum Literarum
ſtrarum patentium, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam a
plis modo et forma, prout Praeſes praedictus, ſi praeſens eſ
illa facere et exequi valeat et poſſit; ſacramento corporali ſu
ſancti Dei Evangelia, in forma et effectu in eiſdem Literis
ſtris patentibus ſpecificatis, per hujuſmodi Deputatum, ad o
nia et ſingula quae ad officium Praeſidis pertinent bene et f
liter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Reg
Societatis vel aliquibus *ſeptem* vel pluribus eorum, priùs p
ſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit; cui quic
Concilio, vel aliquibus *ſeptem* vel pluribus eorum pro temp
exiſtente, ſacramentum praedictum adminiſtrare poteſtater
authoritatem, quoties caſus ſic acciderit, dedimus et conc

[1] *Sic in* Authentic.

ıus per eaſdem Literas noſtras patentes, abſque brevi commiſ-
one ſive ulteriori warranto in ea parte à nobis heredibus et
ıcceſſoribus noſtris procurandis ſeu obtinendis; Ac quod ipſi
t ſucceſſores eorum, ſeu aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quo-
ım Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtente, vel ejus deputatum, ſem-
er unum eſſe volumus) conventus ſeu congregationes de ſeipſis
ro experimentorum et rerum naturalium cognitione et inda-
ine aliiſque negotiis ad Societatem praedictam ſpectantibus,
uoties et quando opus fuerit, licite facere et habere poſſint in
ollegio ſive aula ſive alio loco commodo [1] *intra civitatem no-
ram* London, *vel in aliquo alio loco commodo intra decem milliaria
b eadem civitate noſtra:* Et cum diverſa et varia res poteſtates
bertates et privilegia in iiſdem Literis noſtris patentibus prae-
ıto Praeſidi Concilio ac Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae
onceſſa, virtute iſtarum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, non
ınt exercenda facienda performanda ſeu exequenda, niſi per
raedictum Praeſidem et Concilium, aut aliquos ſeptem vel
lures eorum; Et cum ulterius per praedictas Literas noſtras
atentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris dedimus et
onceſſimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae
Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum [2], ſive ali-
uibus *viginti et uni vel pluribus* eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro
empore exiſtente, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unum eſſe vo-
umus) ſeu majori parti praedictorum *viginti et unius vel plurium*,
lenam poteſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus eli-
gendi nominandi et conſtituendi unum vel plures Typographos
ive Impreſſores, et Chalcographos ſeu Sculptores, et ipſi vel
pſis per ſcriptum communi Sigillo praedictae Regalis Societatis
igillatum, et manu Praeſidis pro tempore exiſtente ſignatum,

It takes Notice that ſeveral Powers, granted by *that* Charter, cannot be executed but by the Preſident and Council, or *ſeven* or *more* of them; by virtue of *that* Charter.

[1] V. ante, p. 26. [2] V. ante, p. 35.

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facultatem concedendi, ut imprimant tales res materias et ne-
gotia praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernen-
tia, quales praedictis Typographo vel Impreſſori, Chalcograph
vel Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impreſſoribus, Chalcogra-
phis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praeſidem
Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos ſeptem v
plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore exiſtente, v
ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel per majorem parte
praedictorum ſeptem vel plurium commiſſa [1] fuerint; ſacramen-
tis ſuis corporalibus, antequam ad officia ſua exercenda admi
tantur, coram Praeſide et Concilio pro tempore exiſtente, vel al
quibus ſeptem vel pluribus eorum, prius praeſtandis; cui quide
Praeſidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus ſeptem vel pluribus eoru
pro tempore exiſtente, ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare plena
poteſtatem et authoritatem dedimus et conceſſimus per praedi
tas Literas noſtras patentes; prout in eiſdem Literis noſtris p
tentibus [2], relatione inde habita, plenius liquet et apparet.

This Charter directs that the Preſident's Deputy ſhall continue in Office, *although* the Preſident do appoint one or more others:

Nos de abundantiori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcient
et mero motu noſtris, DEDIMVS et conceſſimus, ac per pra
ſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et co
cedimus, praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae R
galis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, quod
caetero in perpetuum, ſi contigerit Praeſidem ejuſdem Rega
Societatis pro tempore exiſtente aegritudine vel infirmitate de
neri, vel in ſervitio noſtro heredum vel ſucceſſorum noſtror
verſari, vel aliter eſſe occupatum, ita quod neceſſariis negot
ejuſdem Regalis Societatis officium Praeſidis tangentibus atte
dere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et lice
eidem Praeſidi ſic detento verſato vel occupato unum de Conci

[1] *Sic in* Authent. [2] V. ante, p. 35.

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aediĉtae Regalis Societatis pro tempore exiſtente, fore et eſſe eputatum ejuſdem Praeſidis, nominare et appunĉtuare; qui uidem Deputatis, in officio Deputati Praeſidis praediĉti ſic fa- endus et conſtituendus, ſit et erit Deputatus ejuſdem Praeſidis e tempore in tempus, toties quoties praediĉtus Praeſes ſic abeſſe ontigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praediĉtus Praeſes in officio raeſidis continuaverit, *etiamſi* interim Praeſes Regalis Societatis raediĉtae pro tempore exiſtente *unum alium vel plures alios* de prae- iĉto Concilio ejus Deputatum et Deputatos fecerit et conſtituerit; ui quidem Praeſidi pro tempore exiſtente *duos vel plures* de prae- iĉto Concilio ejus Deputatos ipſo et eodem tempore facere et con- tituere poteſtatem et authoritatem, quoties ei placuerit, damus t concedimus per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus oſtris; Et quod quilibet hujuſmodi Deputatus et Deputati raediĉti Praeſidis ſic ut praefertur faciendi et conſtituendi, om- ia et ſingula quae ad officium Praeſidis praediĉtae Regalis So- ietatis pertinent ſeu pertinere debent, vel per praediĉtum Prae- idem virtute praediĉtarum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, vel raeſentium, limitata et appunĉtuata fore [1] facienda et exequenda le tempore in tempus, toties quoties praediĉtus Praeſes ſic abeſſe contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Deputatus et Deputati praediĉti praeſidis continuaverit et continuaverint, facere et exe- qui valeat et poſſit valeant et poſſint, vigore harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeſes praediĉtus, ſi praeſens eſſet, illa facere et exequi valeret et poſſet; ſacramento corporali ſuper ſanĉta Dei Evangelia, in forma et effeĉtu in eiſdem Literis noſtris patentibus ſpecificatis, per hujuſmodi Deputatum et De- putatos ad omnia et ſingula, quae ad officium Praeſidis perti-

And it gives him expreſs Power to appoint *two* or *more* Deputies, out of the Council, at one and the ſame Time; who may, each of them, do the ſame Aĉts in his Abſence, as he himſelf could do if preſent.

But they muſt firſt be ſworn before the Council, or *five* or more of them.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

nent, bene et fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concil praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus *quinque* [1] vel pluribu eorum, prius praeſtando; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic accide rit; cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus *quinque* vel pluribus eo rum pro tempore exiſtente, ſacramentum praedictum admini ſtrare poteſtatem et authoritatem, quoties caſus ſic acciderit damus et concedimus per praeſentes, abſque brevi commiſſion ſive ulteriori warranto in ea parte à nobis heredibus et ſucceſſo ribus noſtris procurandis ſeu obtinendis;

For the future, the Preſident, Council, and Fellows, or any nine of them (of whom the Preſident or his Deputy to be always one,) may hold their Aſſemblies any where *within the Kingdom of* ENGLAND.

AC VLTERIVS, quod de caetero in perpetuum ipſi et ſucce ſores eorum, ſeu aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Prae ſidem pro tempore exiſtente, vel ejus Deputatum, ſemper unun eſſe volumus) conventus ſeu congregationes de ſeipſis pro expe rimentorum et rerum naturalium cognitione et indagine aliiſqu negotiis ad Societatem praedictam ſpectantibus, quoties et quan do opus fuerit, licite facere et habere poſſint in collegio ſiv aula ſive alio loco commodo *infra regnum noſtrum Angliae*;

All Powers, &c, which could not be exerciſed heretofore but by the Preſident and Council, or *ſeven* or more of them, may for the future be exerciſed by the Preſident and Council, or any *five* or more of them.

AC VLTERIVS, quod omnia et ſingula res poteſtates liber tates et privilegia in praedictis Literis noſtris patentibus praefa tis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedicta conceſſa, virtute iſtarum Literarum noſtrarum patentium, qua non ſunt exercenda facienda performanda ſeu exequenda, ni per praedictum Praeſidem et Concilium, aut aliquos *ſeptem* ve plures eorum; de caetero in pepetuum exerceri fieri performa ſeu exequi poſſint et valeant per praedictum Praeſidem et Con cilium, aut aliquos *quinque* vel plures eorum.

AC VLTERIVS de uberiori gratia noſtra dedimus et conceſſimus ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris da

[1] N.B. The Oaths of Obedience and Supremacy require *ſeven*. V. poſt, p. 55.

et concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodalibus prae- For the future,
ae Regalis Societatis, et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, the *Preſident*
l de caetero in perpetuum bene liceat et licebit *Praeſidi* Re- may appoint
; Societatis praedictae pro tempore exiſtente, de tempore in one Printer or
ous eligere nominare et conſtituere aliquem vel aliquos Ty- more, and one
aphum ſive Impreſſorem, Typographos ſive Impreſſores, et Engraver or
lcographum ſeu Sculptorem, Chalcographos ſeu Sculptores, more, and au-
ſi vel ipſis facultatem concedere, ut imprimant tales res thorize him or
erias et negotia praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia them to print
concernentia, quales praedictis Typographo vel Impreſſori, ſuch Things
lcographo ſeu Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impreſſoribus, (touching or
lcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per concerning the
eſidem et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel ali- Royal Society),
s *quinque* vel plures eorum (quorum Praeſidem pro tempore as ſhall be
tente, vel ejus Deputatum, unum eſſe volumus) vel per given to him
orem partem praedictorum *quinque* vel plurium commiſſae or them in
int; ſacramentis ſuis corporalibus, antequam ad officia ſua Charge, by the
rcenda admittantur, coram Praeſide et Concilio pro tempore Preſident and
tente, vel aliquibus *quinque* vel pluribus eorum, priùs prae- Council, or
dis; et ſic toties quoties caſus ſic acciderit: cui quidem any *five* or
eſidi et Concilio pro tempore exiſtente, vel aliquibus *quinque* more of them
pluribus eorum, ſacramenta praedicta adminiſtrare plenam (of whom the
eſtatem et authoritatem damus et concedimus per praeſentes. Preſident or his Deputy to be one), or by the major Part of ſuch five or more.

They muſt be firſt ſworn before the Preſident and Council, or any *five* or more of them.

Et vlterivs volumus, ac per praeſentes pro nobis heredibus
ucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et
lalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod
Literae noſtrae patentes, vel irrotulamentum earundem, ſta-
nt et erunt in omnibus et per omnia bonae firmae validae ſuffici-
es et effectuales in lege ad omnes reſpectus propoſita conſtructi-
s et intentiones erga et contra nos heredes et ſucceſſores no-
ſtros,

General confirmatory Clauſes.

ſtros, tam in omnibus curiis noſtris, quam alibi infra regnum no
trum Angliae, abſque aliquibus confirmationibus licentiis v
tolerationibus de nobis heredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris qu
quo modo in poſterum procurandis aut obtinendis;

Non obstante male nominando vel male recitando aut n
recitando praedicta terras tenementa et caetera praemiſſa, v
aliquam inde parcellam; Et non obſtante non inveniendo of
cium aut inquiſitionem praemiſſorum, aut alicujus inde pa
cellae, per quae titulus noſter inveniri debuit, ante confectione
harum Literarum noſtrarum patentium; Et non obſtante ma
recitando vel non recitando aliquam dimiſſionem vel conceſſ
nem de praemiſſis vel de aliqua inde parcella factam, exiſtente
de recordo vel non de recordo; Et non obſtante male nom
nando vel non nominando aliquam villam hamletam parochia
locum vel comitatum, in quibus praemiſſa vel aliqua inde pa
cella exiſtunt vel exiſtit; Et non obſtante, quod de nobis tene
tium firmariorum ſive occupatorum praemiſſarum, vel alicu
inde parcellae, plena vera et certa non ſit mentio; Et non o
ſtante aliquibus defectibus[1] de certitudine vel computatione a
declaratione veri annui valoris praemiſſorum, aut alicujus in
parcellae; aut annualis redditus reſervati de et ſuper praemiſ
vel de et ſuper aliqua inde parcella, in his Literis noſtris pate
tibus expreſſis et contentis; Et non obſtante ſtatuto in Parl
mento Domini Henrici nuper Regis Angliae ſexti progenito
noſtri, anno regni ſui decimo octavo, facto et edito; Et n
obſtante aliquibus aliis defectis[2], in non certe nominando
turam genus ſpecei[3] quantitatem aut qualitatem praemiſſoru
aut alicujus inde parcellae; Et non obſtante ſtatuto de te
et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, aut ali

[1] *Sic in* Authent. [2] *Sic* ibid. [3] *Sic* ibid.

o ſtatuto actu ordinatione proclamatione proviſione ſive re-ictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordi-tis ſeu proviſis, in aliquo non obſtante: SALVO tamen An-eae *Cole* Armigero et omnibus aliis perſonis quibuſcunque, aeterquam nos heredes et ſucceſſores noſtros, talia jus cla-eum intereſſe et demanda quaecunque, qualia ipſe vel ipſi ſeu rum aliquis habet ſeu habeant, aut de jure habere debent[1], et in praemiſſis, ſeu aliqua parte vel parcella inde.

ET VLTERIVS volumus, et per praeſentes pro nobis heredi-s et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ordinamus et firmiter injungendo aecipimus, quod Praeſes Societatis praedictae pro tempore iſtente, et Deputati ejus, antequam ipſi aut eorum aliqui ad ecutionem officii illius admittantur, tam ſacramentum cor-rale communiter vocatum *The oath of* obedience, quam ſa-amentum corporale communiter vocatum *The Oath of* ſupre-acy, ſuper ſacroſanctis Dei Evangeliis praeſtabunt, et eorum ilibet praeſtabit, coram Concilio ejuſdem Societatis, aut ali-ibus *ſeptem* vel pluribus eorum; (cui quidem Concilio, aut quibus *ſeptem* vel pluribus eorum, ſacramenta praedicta ad-iniſtrare pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris plenam teſtatem et authoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotieſcun-ie opus fuerit, damus et concedimus per praeſentes).

The Preſident and Vice-Preſidents are enjoined to take the Oath of *Obedience* and the Oath of *Supremacy*, before the Council, or *ſeven* or more of them, previouſly to their acting.

PROVISO ſemper, et voluntas et intentio noſtra regia eſt, iod terrae et praemiſſa praedicta per praeſentes, ut praefertur, nceſſa, ſeu eorum aliqua *non alienabuntur vel vendentur* alicui rſonae ſive aliquibus perſonis quibuſcunque; aliquo in prae-itibus contento in contrarium inde non obſtante.

[1] *Sic in* Authent.

[2] N. B. The Oath of Office may now be taken before *five* only. V. ante, p. 52.

Eo, quod expreſſa mentio de vero valore annuo vel de ce
tudine praemiſſorum ſive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis
conceſſionibus per nos ſeu per aliquem progenitorum ſive p
deceſſorum noſtrorum praefatis Praeſidi Concilio et Sodali
Regalis Societatis de *London*, et ſucceſſoribus, ante haec te
pora factis, in praeſentibus minime facta exiſtit; aut aliquo
tuto actu ordinatione proviſione proclamatione ſive reſtricti
in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis
proviſis, aut aliqua alia re cauſa vel materia quacunque, in
quo non obſtante.

In cuius rei teſtimonium has Literas noſtras fieri fecir
patentes. Teste Me ipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium, octavo
Aprilis, anno regni noſtri viceſimo primo.

Per breve de Privato Sigillo.

PIGOT

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LICENCE for purchaſing in MORTMAIN to the yearly value of One thouſand pounds, granted to the Preſident, Council, and Fellows of the ROYAL SOCIETY of London, by King GEORGE the FIRST, in the year MDCCXXV.

GEORGE by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, *etc*, to all to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, greeting. WHEREAS r truſty and well beloved the Preſident Council and Fellows the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natu- l knowledge have by their Petition humbly repreſented unto , that our late royal predeceſſor, King Charles the Second, Letters Patents [1], bearing date the Two and twentieth day April, in the Fifteenth year of his reign, did ordain conſti- te and appoint the ſaid Royal Society of London for improving tural knowledge, and did thereby grant them *Licence to purchaſe Mortmain*; that ſince the grant of the ſaid Letters Patents, veral well-diſpoſed Perſons have deviſed and granted to the

[1] *So in the* Original.

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Petitioners, and their ſucceſſors, divers lands and heredit-
ments, and given ſeveral ſums of money to them, for the u
of the ſaid corporation; that the Petitioners being deſirous t
inveſt the ſame money in the moſt durable manner, for tl
improvement of the ſaid corporation, have moſt humbly praye
us to grant to them our Royal Licence to hold and enjo
the lands and hereditaments, which have been deviſed an
granted to them; to purchaſe hold and enjoy to them, an
their ſucceſſors for ever, for the uſe and benefit of the ſaid co
poration, ſuch manors lands tenements and hereditaments,
they ſhall think fit to purchaſe, or ſhall receive by will, or any de
of conveyance, not exceeding the yearly value of *One thouſa*
pounds: We are graciouſly pleaſed to grant their requeſt. KNO
YE therefore, that we, of our eſpecial grace certain knowled
and meer motion, HAVE given and granted, and by theſe pr
ſents for us our heirs and ſucceſſors DO give and grant, un
the Preſident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of o
city of London for improving natural knowledge aforeſaid, a
their ſucceſſors, our eſpecial Licence, full power, and law
and abſolute authority, to hold and enjoy the lands and her
ditaments, which have been already deviſed or granted to t
ſaid corporation, as aforeſaid; and alſo to purchaſe acquire ta
hold and receive in Mortmain, in perpetuity or otherwiſe,
or to the uſe of or in truſt for them or their ſucceſſors, for t
uſe and benefit of the ſaid corporation, from any perſon or p
ſons, bodies politic and corporate, their heirs and ſucceſſors
ſpectively, ſuch manors lands tenements rents or hereditamen
as they ſhall think fit to purchaſe, or ſhall receive by writ,
any deed of conveyance, not exceeding the yearly value of O
thouſand pounds above all charges and reprizes. AND we

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y alſo for us our heirs and ſucceſſors give and grant our
ial Licence, full power, and lawful and abſolute autho-
to any perſon or perſons, bodies politic or corporate, their
and ſucceſſors reſpectively, to grant alien ſell convey and
ſe of in Mortmain, in perpetuity or otherwiſe, to or to
iſe of or in truſt for the Preſident Council and Fellows of
Royal Society of our city of London for improving natu-
nowledge aforeſaid, and their ſucceſſors, any manors lands
ments rents or hereditaments whatſoever, not exceeding
yearly value of One thouſand pounds. AND LASTLY, we
hereby, for us our heirs and ſucceſſors, grant unto the
ident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city
London for improving natural knowledge aforeſaid, and
r ſucceſſors, that theſe our Letters Patents, or the Inroll-
t or Exemplification thereof, ſhall be in and by all things
d firm valid ſufficient and effectual in the law, according to
true intent and meaning thereof; NOTWITHSTANDING
not rightly naming or deſcribing any of the manors lands
ments rents or hereditaments already deviſed or granted to
ſaid corporation, or to be granted deviſed aliened or diſ-
ed of in Mortmain to them, and their ſucceſſors, in fee or
erwiſe, as aforeſaid; or any other omiſſion imperfection de-
matter cauſe or thing whatſoever to the contrary thereof
anywiſe notwithſtanding. IN WITNESS whereof we have
ſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents. WITNESS Our
f at Weſtminſter, the Seventeenth day of December, in
Eleventh year of our reign.

By writ of Privy Seal.

COCKS.

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THE

STATUTES

OF THE

ROYAL SOCIETY of LONDON:

Made in the Year 1776.

PREFACE.

THE Statutes of the Royal Society were, for the moſt part, formed in the year 1663: An abſtract of the ıarters and Laws was publiſhed in the year 1667, in RAT's Hiſtory of the Royal Society; and in the year 1752, e Council publiſhed an Edition of their Charters and Statutes, as they *then* ſtood.

The Laws of the Royal Society, like thoſe of other comıunities, were altered from time to time, until they appeared fficient to embrace every contingency that might occur, while ıey held their meetings in Greſham College; which they ontinued to do for near the ſpace of fifty years. But the rangement of the Society's affairs being ſomewhat altered pon poſſeſſing an Houſe of their own, it became neceſſary to ıake different eſtabliſhments in many particulars; and to alter

and augment ſome of their Statutes. However, the greater part of them was ſtill left in the original form, ſuited to the ſituation of the Society at Greſham College.

The Edition of the Statutes in the year 1752, gave them as above deſcribed; together with a few additions, calculated to ſuit particular circumſtances. But ſtill many parts of them were not accommodated to the preſent times, nor to the change of place, and what depended thereon: neither was the order or connection of the chapters ſufficiently attended to.

The Council have now judged it neceſſary, for various reaſons, to review, new-model, and correct their Statutes, ſo as better to ſuit the preſent times and circumſtances; to digeſt them in a more methodical order; and to give a new Edition of them, ſo reviſed, digeſted, and arranged.

They have alſo judged it expedient to premiſe a ſuccinct account why ſome of the Statutes were altered, and why others were totally abrogated.

It had been the uſage, for upwards of the firſt ſixty years, to nominate and approve in *Council*, all Candidates for being Fellows, previouſly to their being propoſed to the *Society* for Election; and they were enjoined to appear for Admiſſion within four weeks after their Election. But, about the year 1727, objections having ariſen to the ſhort time of four weeks, ſome allowances were made to perſons reſiding above forty miles from London; and in the year 1730, the preſent mode of propounding for Election, and fixing the certificate up for ten weeks in the Meeting-room, was ſettled. In the year

1753, it was enacted, that payment of the admiſſion fee, and ſigning a bond for annual payments, were neceſſary to entitle a perſon to be publickly acknowledged a Member, after his Election; and in the years 1761, 1766, 1769, and 1770, ſome regulations were judged neceſſary to be made concerning the recommendation and election of Foreigners.

In the Statutes concerning the payments by the Fellows to the Society, ſeveral alterations became neceſſary; not only on account of forming anew the Chapter *of the Treaſurer*; but alſo on account of each Fellow's receiving *gratis* a volume of the Philoſophical Tranſactions yearly. For, the charge of printing the Tranſactions for the uſe of the Members, having much increaſed the yearly expenſe of the Society; it was judged reaſonable and proper to advance the admiſſion fee from *two* to *five* guineas; and afterwards, for other reaſons, it was agreed that inſtead of *twenty*, *twenty-ſix* guineas ſhould be paid in lieu of giving bond for annual contributions.

In the Chapter of the Election of the Council and Officers, a clauſe was added, in the year 1735 (on account of the great increaſe of Members) permitting every Fellow to deliver his three liſts at the ſame time, at the Anniverſary Elections; notwithſtanding the apparent impropriety of voting for perſons to be *Officers*, before it could be known that they would be elected Members of the new Council.

Of the Treaſurer. At firſt, when the Society were not in poſſeſſion of much ready money, it was judged neceſſary that the Fellows ſhould pay their weekly contributions once a quarter; and the Treaſurer's accompts were to be audited quarterly. He was not to have more than 20 l. in his hands at a time:

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All ſurplus was to be locked up in the iron cheſt; there being then no Public Funds: but the buſineſs of the Treaſurer, as well as the mode of collecting the contributions from Members, having been long conducted in a manner very different from what was at firſt appointed; the Statutes relating to the Treaſurer have therefore been new formed, agreeably to the modern practice which has been in uſe for many years.

Of the Secretaries. The great alterations in the circumſtances of the Society, together with the regulations concerning the publication of their Tranſactions, have rendered it neceſſary to alter the chapter relating to the Secretaries, and to have ſome additions made to it, with regard to the papers read to the Society, and their publication.

Of the Clerk. The ſtatutes concerning the Clerk, mentioned in the publication of 1752, were ſuch as ſuited the Society at their firſt inſtitution, and while they continued at Greſham College, when they had little or no concerns with rents, taxes, repairs, &c. And as every Officer had but little buſineſs to do for the Society, beſides what was done at the uſual Meetings, few rules for them, were found wanting, and as few for their Muſeum and Library; which, being in the Galleries of that College, the reſident Profeſſors had an Eye over thoſe Collections: but, when the Society became poſſeſſed of a Houſe of their own, fit for their Meetings and Curioſities (which happened in the Year 1710) it was found neceſſary to have a reſident Officer, who ſhould have the care of the Houſe and of the neceſſary preparations for the Meetings, and alſo the care of the Library and Repoſitory. However, as the Society's finances rendered a conſiderable degree of frugality convenient, it was determined (under the Preſidentſhip of Sir

c Newton) that one and the ſame perſon ſhould ſupply the ces of Clerk, Librarian, Keeper of the Repoſitory, and uſekeeper, and alſo officiate as Mace-bearer, and as Depu- to the Treaſurer.

The articles in the chapter of the publication of the Tranſ- ons, and their delivery, which were inſerted in the Edition 1752, concerning the Clerk's account of the books iſſued , are omitted; as he is now reſponſible for them in ther way. Another article in the ſame chapter is alſo itted, concerning the admiſſion fee, as being included in new chapter of the payment of the Fellows.

Several additions are made to the former ſtatutes relating to books and papers; to declare the Society's power over the ers read to them; and alſo to inform the Fellows how they y conſult the books in the Society's Library. The articles the Regiſter and Letter-books are now totally omitted; aufe the continuation of thoſe books has, many years ago, n found uſeleſs; other methods having been uſed to pre- ve the original papers not publiſhed, as well as thoſe which publiſhed, at a rate much leſs expenſive.

The Office of Curator was at firſt thought ſo eſſential, at the Society allotted to it a ſalary more conſiderable than y one of the public Profeſſors received at that time, beſides e apartments they were to have in the Society's Houſe or llege. But, as the Society's revenues have not, to this y, been ſufficient to enable them to aſſume the exterior endor which, by their charter, it ſeems to have been ima- ned that they might in due time arrive at; the appointments Curators, with large allowances, and of Serjeants at Mace

&c

&c. have hitherto been declined. Beſides, the experime part of Philoſophy having begun, even in the early years o Society, to be cultivated ; ſeveral gentlemen procured app tuſes, to ſatisfy themſelves in private ; ſo that many years not paſſed, before a conſiderable part of the Fellows wer well acquainted with the mode of making experiments, ſuch accompliſhed Curators have not been found neceſſ and, when Experimental Philoſophy arrived at ſuch pop Regard, as to be frequently explained in public Lect that kind of knowledge became more generally diff Several perſons, indeed, have formerly been actually empl by the Society as Curators; particularly, the Doctors H and Deſaguliers. But neither of them ever had above 50 year; and that, not certain: it depended on the numb Experiments which they had exhibited to the Society in preceding year. The chapter of the Statutes relating to Office is therefore omitted in this Edition.

In like manner, at the inſtitution of the Society, the f cation of Inſtruments for experiments was not comm known to workmen; and therefore ſome ſtatutes were r concerning *Operators*, or perſons well acquainted with th of tools in various works; who were at firſt judged neceſſa attend the Meetings, to be ready to aſſiſt in any of the E riments to be made before the Society: but the Experim Philoſophers having long ſince taught and familiarized general knowledge, in working on things formerly unkn particular Operators to the Society have been for many found uſeleſs; as the different Artificers employed by t can now readily furniſh whatſoever is wanted.

So a *Printer* to the Society, was an Officer that appeared
ceſſary at the time when the ſtatutes concerning that office
re eſtabliſhed: but the affairs of Printing and Bookſelling
ſo greatly altered ſince the inſtitution of the Society, that
nters and Bookſellers have for many years ſtood in no other
ation to the Royal Society than any other Tradeſmen they
ploy; and particularly, ſince the Tranſactions have been
nted under their own care. They themſelves now buy and
for the paper; employ and pay the Printers and En-
vers; correct and publiſh their own Works; and finally
oſe of to Purchaſers the ſurplus copies, above the number
ributed amongſt their Members by their own Librarian.

Thus much ſeemed proper to be premiſed, in order to ſhew
grounds and reaſons of the alterations now made.

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STATUTES

OF THE

OYAL SOCIETY.

CHAPTER I.

Of the Election and Admiſſion of Fellows.

NO perſon ſhall be propoſed, elected, or admitted a Fellow of the Society upon St. Andrew's day, or the day the anniverſary meeting for electing the Council and icers.

I. Every Fellow, that is to propoſe any perſon as a canate, in order to election, ſhall, before the ſaid perſon be poſed, make known to him the effect of the obligation be ſubſcribed, and the ſum that is to be paid for admiſſion ney, and the rate of the Annual payments, or the ſum to paid in lieu of annual payments, for the occaſions of the ciety.

III. Every perſon to be elected a Fellow of the Royal ciety, ſhall be propoſed and recommended at a meeting of Society by three or more Members; who ſhall then deliver one of the Secretaries a paper, ſigned by themſelves, ſpeying the name, rank, profeſſion, qualifications, and the

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uſual place of reſidence of ſuch perſon; all which ſ
be certified from their perſonal acquaintance with him,
with his writings.

A fair copy of which paper, with the date of the day w
delivered, ſhall be fixed up in the common meeting roor
the Society at ten ſeveral ordinary meetings, before the
candidate ſhall be put to the Vote: ſaving and excepting,
it ſhall be free for every one of His Majeſty's ſubjects, wh
a Peer, or ſon of a Peer, of Great Britain or Ireland,
for every one of his Majeſty's Privy Council of either o
ſaid kingdoms; and for every Foreign Sovereign Prince, o
ſon of a Sovereign Prince, or an Ambaſſador to the Cou
Great Britain, to be propoſed by any ſingle Member, an
be put to the Vote for Election on the ſame day, there b
preſent twenty-one members at the leaſt, being the comp
number for making Elections.

IV. In the Election of a perſon for a Fellow of the Soc
the votes ſhall be taken by ballot, and no perſon ſhall b
clared elected, unleſs he have in his favour two thirds o
numbers voting.

V. Every perſon, elected a Fellow, ſhall appear for hi
miſſion on or before the fourth ordinary meeting o
Society, after his Election; or within ſuch further
as ſhall be granted by the Society or Council, upon
ſhewed to either of them: otherwiſe his Election ſha
void.

VI.

VI. The Admiſſion of any Fellow into the Society ſhall be at ne meeting thereof, in manner and form following; he hav- g firſt ſubſcribed the obligation in the Charter book. The eſident, taking him by the hand, ſhall ſay theſe words: *I do, by e authority, and in the name, of* the Royal Society of London r improving natural knowledge, *admit you a Fellow thereof.*

VII. The Election, and alſo the payment and admiſſion of ery perſon into the Society, with the time thereof, ſhall be corded in the Journal-book.

VIII. No one of his Majeſty's ſubjects, or any other erſon reſiding in his Majeſty's Dominions, who ſhall be ected a Fellow of the Society, ſhall be deemed an actual ellow thereof; nor ſhall the name of any ſuch perſon be rinted in the annual Liſt of the Fellows of the Society, until ich perſon ſhall have paid his Admiſſion Fee, and given ne uſual bond for the payment of contributions, or paid ne ſum appointed in lieu of ſuch contributions: But that, pon ſuch payment, or giving Bond as aforeſaid, it ſhall be awful for the Society to give leave for the name of ſuch erſon, ſo elected as aforeſaid, to be entered in the Journal- ook, and printed in the liſt of the Society: Provided always, hat no ſuch perſon ſhall have liberty to vote at any Election or meeting of the Society, before he ſhall have been admitted.

Any perſon reſiding in foreign parts, and not a ſubject of the Britiſh Dominions, who is deſirous of becoming a Fellow of this Society, ſhall have a certificate drawn up in his favour, ſpecify- ing his Chriſtian name, ſurname, works, quality or profeſſion,

with his place of reſidence, and ſigned by, at leaſt, thre Fellows of the Society upon the Foreign liſt; who ſhall i ſuch certificate atteſt, of their perſonal knowledge, that ſuc Candidate, by his Philoſophical learning and abilities, i duly qualified, and likely to become an uſeful Member of th Society: and every ſuch candidate ſhall alſo have a certificat ſigned by, at leaſt, three Fellows on the Home liſt, wh ſhall atteſt the preceding qualifications either of their ow perſonal knowledge, or from the works or correſpondence c ſuch Candidate.

Such certificates ſo ſigned, after having been preſented t the Preſident in the chair, and read to the Society, ſhall b fixed up in their publick meeting room, and continue ther from the 30th day of November to the 30th day of May nex following; and the Names of ſuch Foreigners ſhall be read a the weekly meetings of the Society, during the ſaid term, a often as the Preſident ſhall direct. And at the weekl meeting of the Society, on, or next after, the 30th of May annually, the number of Foreigners thus recommended ſhal be propoſed to the Society for election, and put to th ballot.

Provided always that this Regulation ſhall not exten to Sovereign Foreign Princes or their Sons (who, being pro poſed, ſhall be put to the ballot immediately) nor to ſuc Foreigners who being at the time reſident, or having bee reſident for the ſpace of ſix months in Great Britain, ſhal deſire to be elected into the Society, in the ſame manner, an upon the ſame conditions, with the home-members, payin their admiſſion fees and compoſition money.

CHAPTER II.

Of the Obligation to be ſubſcribed.

EVERY perſon elected a Fellow of the Society, ſhall, before his Admiſſion, ſubſcribe the obligation in theſe rds following:

We who have hereunto ſubſcribed, do hereby promiſe each for ſelf, that we will endeavour to promote the good of the Royal ciety of London for improving natural knowledge, *and to ſue the ends, for which the ſame was founded; that we will preſent at the meetings of the Society, as often as conveniently can, eſpecially at the anniverſary elections, and upon extra-inary occaſions; and that we will obſerve the Statutes and ders of the ſaid Society. Provided, that whenſoever any of us ll ſignify to the Preſident under his hand, that he deſireth to thdraw from the Society, he ſhall be free from this Obligation the future.*

And if any perſon elected ſhall refuſe to ſubſcribe the ſaid bligation, the election of that perſon ſhall be void.

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CHAPTER III.

Of the Payments by the Fellows to the Society.

I. EVERY perſon elected on the home liſt ſhall, before he is admitted a Fellow of the Society, pay to the uſe of the Society the ſum of five guineas for admiſſion money. And if any ſuch perſon ſhall refuſe or fail to pay the ſaid ſum, he ſhall not be admitted, and his election ſhall be void; except the ſaid ſum be remitted in whole, or in part, by ſpecial order of the Council.

II. Every perſon elected a Fellow on the home liſt ſhall, beſide the Admiſſion money, farther contribute towards the expences of the Society, previous to his admiſſion, either by paying the ſum of twenty-ſix guineas in lieu of all future contributions, or by executing a bond, thereby ſubjecting himſelf to a payment after the rate of one ſhilling by the week to the Society, ſo long as he ſhall continue a Fellow thereof; which continuance ſhall be accounted from the time of his election. Provided that if the uſual place of reſidence of any ſuch perſon ſhall happen to exceed the diſtance of ſixty meaſured miles from London, ſuch perſon ſhall not be permitted to give Bond for the payment of ſuch contributions, but ſhall, before he be admitted, or his name be allowed to be printed in the liſt of Fellows, pay down the ſum of twenty-ſix guineas in lieu of ſuch contributions.

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III. Every Fellow who hath given Bond may, at any time, ompound for his future contributions, by paying at once e ſum of twenty-ſix guineas; which payment being made, is Bond ſhall be delivered up.

IV. For the more convenient receiving and collecting the ontribution of one ſhilling by the week, to be paid by every ellow who gives Bond as above mentioned, the ſame, mounting to fifty-two ſhillings by the year, ſhall be paid early to the twenty-fifth day of March, and in proportion or a part of a year, by any perſon elected after the beginning, r withdrawing from the Society before the ſaid end of the ear.

V. Every Fellow of the Society, who pays contribu-ons, ſhall upon the firſt, ſecond, or third weekly meeting f the Society next after the twenty-fifth of March in very year, bring or ſend in to the treaſurer, or his deputy, is yearly contribution of fifty-two ſhillings, or ſuch pro-ortion of it as ſhall be then due. And if any Fellow ſhall il to bring or ſend in the ſame as aforeſaid, except the ſaid ayment be remitted in the whole, or in part, by ſpecial order f the council; his bond ſhall be put in ſuit for the recovery hereof, and he ſhall be liable to Ejection out of the Society; pon which the Council ſhall proceed as they ſhall ſee cauſe.

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CHAPTER IV.

Of the Death or Receſs of any Fellow.

UPON the Death, or the voluntary withdrawing, of any Fellow of the Society, one of the Secretaries ſhall note ſuch their Death or Receſs in the printed Liſt of that year againſt their names; and the Death, or withdrawing, of any Fellow ſhall be recorded in the Journal-book of the Society, among the Minutes of the proceedings of St. Andrew's day.

CHAPTER V.

Of the Cauſes and Form of Ejection.

IF any Fellow of the Society ſhall contemptuouſly, or contumaciouſly, diſobey the Statutes or Orders of the Society r Council; or ſhall, by ſpeaking, writing, or printing, pub-ckly defame the Society; or adviſedly, maliciouſly, or diſ-oneſtly, do any thing to the damage, detriment, or diſ-onour thereof, he ſhall be ejected out of the Society.

II. Whenſoever there ſhall be cauſe for the Ejection of any 'ellow out of the Society, the Preſident ſhall, at ſome meeting hereof, propoſe the Ejection of ſuch Fellow; which being put o the Ballot, and two thirds of the members voting for it, the 'reſident ſhall cancel his name in the Regiſter, and at the ame time pronounce him ejected in theſe words:

> *I do, by the authority and in the name of the* Royal Society of London, for improving natural knowledge, declare A. B. to be now ejected, and no longer a Fellow thereof.

And the Ejection of every ſuch perſon ſhall be then recorded n the Journal-book of the Society; and his name, as ejected, e alſo read at the next Anniverſary Election.

CHAPTER VI.

Of the Election of the Council and Officers.

I. AT the two ordinary meetings of the Society, which ſha be within the fifteen days next preceeding the day of th anniverſary elections, the Preſident ſhall give notice of the ſai Elections; and declare, how much it importeth the good c the Society, that ſuch perſons may be choſen into the Counci as are moſt likely to attend the meetings and buſineſs of th Council, out of whom there may be made the beſt choice o a Preſident and other Officers.

II. Every Fellow of the Society, in or near London, o within the reach of the penny-poſt, and whoſe reſidence i known to the Clerk, ſhall be called to the anniverſary meetings, for electing the Council and Officers for the yea enſuing, by particular ſummons ſigned by the Preſident; which ſummons ſhall be ſent to the houſe or lodging of every ſuch Fellow, a week at the leaſt before the ſaid day, together with printed liſts of the names of the Fellows of the Society. And the ſaid ſummons ſhall be to this effect.

Theſe are to give notice, that on the day of being the Council and Officers of the ROYAL SOCIETY *are* to be elected for the year enſuing; at which Election your preſence is expected, at of the clock in the

III. For

III. For the anniverſary Election of the Council (which is o conſiſt of eleven Members of the preſent Council, to be ontinued for the year next enſuing; and ten of the Fellows, eing no Members of the Council, to be added to them), here ſhall be a competent number of liſts printed of all the Fellows of the Society (excepting all the Members of the preſent Council), in an alphabetical order; and a competent number of the like liſts of all the Members of the preſent Council; both which liſts ſhall be diſtributed to all the Fellows of the Society, preſent at the Anniverſary Election.

IV. For the Election of the eleven Members of the preſent Council, to be continued for the year next enſuing, every Fellow ſhall on the printed liſt of the preſent Council, by a line drawn under each name, to the number of eleven and no more, ſignify the perſons, to whom he giveth his ſuffrage for their continuance, as aforeſaid: and cloſing up the ſaid liſt ſhall deliver it in to ſome perſon, appointed to collect and receive the ſame.

V. All the liſts being thus collected, one of the Secretaries ſhall open them one by one, and in the firſt place ſhall take notice of the number of the names diſtinguiſhed, as is before preſcribed, in each liſt (which if it be above eleven in any, the ſame liſt ſhall be laid aſide, and no notice taken of the ſuffrages therein), and ſhall recite every name ſo diſtinguiſhed; and the other Secretary ſhall, in a liſt for that purpoſe, note how often every ſeveral name is recited; and each of the Secretaries ſhall be aſſiſted by a Scrutator, to be drawn by lot

by the Preſident. This done, the Secretaries and Scrutators ſhall ſum up the ſuffrages, according to the notes affixed to every name; or in caſe of the abſence of one or both the Secretaries, one or two Scrutators more (to be in like manner drawn by lot) ſhall ſupply their places; whereof two ſhall be employed in the peruſal of the liſts, and recital of the names, and the other two in the noting of the names recited, as is before preſcribed.

VI. After the noting and ſumming up of the votes, the Secretaries, or Scrutators, ſhall recite all the names of the preſent Council having any votes upon the preſent Scrutiny, with the number of the votes to every name; to the end, that all the perſons carrying the major part of the votes may be known be to thus elected, if they be not more in number than eleven. But if the perſons having the majority of votes be more than eleven, he or they that ſhall have the feweſt ſuffrages, ſhall be ſecluded, until the number be reduced to eleven; or to a leſſer number, if equality between perſons having the feweſt ſuffrages do ſo require. And if the perſons having the majority of votes, or the perſons remaining upon the aforeſaid reduction, ſhall not amount to the number of eleven, then all the reſt upon that liſt ſhall be put to the ſcrutiny again, and every Fellow ſhall mark, as before, ſo many, and no more, as are wanting; and the proceeding thereupon in all things ſhall be the ſame as before, until the number be compleat. And in caſe of equal diſtribution of votes, the number being greater than the number wanting, the proceeding ſhall be repeated upon the ſaid perſons; and if then they ſtill have equal votes, the Preſident ſhall ſeclude one by lot, and the reſt ſhall be put to the ſcrutiny again.

VII. For

VII. For the Election of the ten Fellows not of the preſent uncil, to be added to the former eleven, to conſtitute the uncil for the year next enſuing, the proceedings upon the inted liſts of the Fellows of the Society ſhall be in all par- ulars obſerved, as upon the former liſts, according as the es ſhall require.

VIII. In caſe of ſecluſion of any member of the preſent uncil, or of any other Fellow by lot, the ſame perſon ſhall brought in again to paſs the ſcrutiny, by putting him in mpetition with one that hath the leaſt, or with more of ɔſe that have the leaſt equal number of votes.

IX. Foraſmuch as the poſſible varieties in the equalities l proportions of ſuffrages diſtributed among ſeveral perſons, on which Non-elections may happen, are ſo great and nifold, that it would be tedious to obviate them all in ticular Statutes: if therefore any caſe ſhall happen not ovided for, whereupon the Election cannot be made or fected, the ſame ſhall be adjourned to the next convenient ne; and the Council in the interim ſhall make proviſion, d offer ſome expedient to the Society for the effecting ereof.

X. For electing the Preſident, Treaſurer, and Secretaries, ery Fellow preſent at the anniverſary Election of the uncil ſhall, after the Election made for the Members of e new Council, put upon a diſtinct liſt ſeveral marks, firſt for

for the Preſident, next for the Treaſurer, and then for t
Secretaries, to be choſen ſeverally out of the ſaid new Counc
for the year enſuing; and the proceedings therein ſhall
after the ſame manner, as is directed for the anniverſa
Elections of the Council.

XI. Whereas the number of the Members of the Ro
Society is ſo large, as to render the Election of the Coun
and Officers ſo tedious, that many Members cannot atte
during the whole time: therefore any Fellow being preſ
ſhall be permitted, on the day appointed, during the ti
of the Society's ſitting for Election, to give in his three l
altogether, or any two, or one of them; the ſeveral li
being marked, one with a line drawn under each name
the eleven Members of the preſent Council, to be contin
for the year enſuing; another marked in the ſame man
with the names of the ten Fellows not of the preſent Coun
to be added to the former eleven; and a third marked w
the ſeveral marks for the Preſident, for the Treaſurer,
for the two Secretaries. And the Secretaries and Scrutat
ſhall put the ſaid liſts into the ſeveral boxes provided for t
purpoſe, and ſhall note down the name of each Fellow giv
in his liſts, and take notice, whether he gives in one, two,
all three liſts, at the ſame time. In all other reſpects
proceed in the ſame manner as preſcribed by the for
Statutes.

XII. For electing any Member of the Council, or
Officer to be elected by the Society, upon ſuch vacancie

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all happen in the intervals of the anniverſary Elections, the mmons for ſuch Election, and the proceedings in it, ſhall after the ſame manner as is directed for the anniverſary ections:

XIII. Upon the vacancy of the Preſident's place, which all happen in the intervals of the anniverſary Elections, e Treaſurer, or in his abſence one of the Secretaries, ſhall uſe the Council to be ſummoned for the Election of a new eſident; and the Council meeting thereupon in the uſual ace, or any eleven or more of them, ſhall proceed to the d Election, and not ſeparate until the major part of the mber aforeſaid ſhall have agreed upon a new Preſident.

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CHAPTER VII.

Of the Preſident.

I. THE buſineſs of the Preſident ſhall be, to preſide in a the meetings, and regulate all the debates, of the So ciety, Council, and Committees; to ſtate and put queſtions bot in the affirmative and negative, according to the ſenſe and in tention of the meetings; to call for reports and accoun from Committees, and others; to check irregularities, and t keep all perſons to order; to ſummon all extraordinar meetings of the Society, Council, and Committees, upon an urgent occaſions; and to execute, or ſee to the execution o the Statutes of the Society.

II. Whenſoever any queſtion ſhall be deſired to be put b any Fellow, at a meeting of the Society, Council, or Com mittee, and ſeconded by another, the Preſident ſhall put th ſame; unleſs, upon debate, the ſenſe of the meeting appear t be otherwiſe.

III. The Preſident ſhall take place of every Fellow of th Society, at their ordinary place of meeting; and alſo in a other places, where any number of the Fellows meet as Society, Council, or Committee; and, being in the Chair, i to be covered, while ſpeaking unto or hearing particula Fellows, notwithſtanding their being uncovered.

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CHAPTER VIII.

Of the Treaſurer and his Accompts.

THE Treaſurer, or ſome perſon appointed by him, ſhall receive to the uſe of the Society all moneys, or ſums f money, due or payable to the Society; and out of ſuch moneys ıall pay and diſburſe all moneys, or ſums of money, due om or payable by the Society, upon all occaſions; and ſhall eep particular Accompts of all ſuch receipts and payments.

II. Every ſum of money, payable to the uſe of the Society, f Five pounds or under, ſhall be paid by order of the Preſident, ıder his hand; and every ſum exceeding Five pounds ſhall be ıid by order of the Council, ſigned by the Preſident, and re- ſtered by the Secretary.

III. All moneys, or ſums of money, which there ſhall not e preſent occaſion for expending, or otherwiſe diſpoſing of the uſe of the Society, ſhall be laid out, in ſuch govern- ıent or other ſecurities, as ſhall be approved of and directed y the Council.

IV. The Treaſurer ſhall have and keep a yearly liſt of all ch Fellows of the Society as pay the ſum appointed in lieu

of annual contributions; and alſo of thoſe who pay the annu[a]
contributions of fifty-two ſhillings: and in this liſt ſhall b[e]
noted the times up to which the annual contributions have bee[n]
paid, and the arrears due from each Fellow.

V. The Treaſurer ſhall alſo have and keep a Book of Chequ[e]
Receipts for annual contributions, each Receipt to be ſigne[d]
by himſelf; and to be filled up with the name of the Fello[w]
paying, the ſum paid, and the time paid to: theſe Receipts t[o]
be underſigned by the perſon who ſhall receive the money o[n]
the Treaſurer's behalf, who, upon the delivery of the Receipt t[o]
the Fellow paying, is to enter upon that part of the Chequ[e]
which is left in the Book, the above particulars and alſo th[e]
day of payment.

VI. The Treaſurer ſhall take care ſo to regulate the annua[l]
contributions, that they ſhall all become due at Lady-day
and ſhall demand, or cauſe them to be demanded of ſuc[h]
Fellows who neglect their payments for half a year after the[y]
become due.

VII. The Accompts of the Treaſurer ſhall be audited an-
nually, a ſhort time preceding the Anniverſary Elections
by a Committee conſiſting of five Members of the Council
of whom the Preſident and the Senior Secretary (or in hi[s]
abſence the Junior) to be two; and of Five Fellows of th[e]
Society not Members of the Council, who are to be nominate[d]
by the Preſident, with the conſent of the major part of th[e]
Fellows preſent, given by ballot at one of the three next pre-
ceding

eding weekly meetings: any three or more of the ſaid five Members of the Council, whereof the Preſident and one of the ecretaries ſhall be two, together with any three or more of he ſaid five Fellows, ſhall be a Quorum of the ſaid Committee: the Members of the ſaid Committee who are of the Council ſhall make their Report to the Council held next after uch Audit, on or before the Anniverſary Elections; and the Members of the ſaid Committee who are not of the Council hall make the Report to the Society, upon the meeting next efore the Anniverſary Elections, or upon the day of the ſaid lections.

VIII. The Treaſurer ſhall take care that the Writings of he Society's Eſtates, the Bonds given by the Fellows, the Policies of Inſurance, and other Securities, be lodged in the ociety's Iron Cheſt.

CHAPTER IX.

Of the Secretaries.

I. THE Secretaries, or either of them, ſhall have inſpection over the Clerk; and ſhall give the Orders and Directions concerning the entering and writing of all minutes or matters in the Journal-books of the Society or Council, or any other books of the Society; alſo concerning any orders or other writings for the uſe and ſervice of the Society.

II. The Secretaries ſhall attend at all meetings of the Society, Council, and Committees of papers; where when the Preſident hath taken the Chair, the Senior Secretary ſhall read the minutes, orders, and entries, of the preceding meeting; and ſhall afterwards take minutes of the buſineſs and orders of the preſent meeting, to be entered by the Clerk in the reſpective books to which they relate: and at the meetings of the Society, the Junior Secretary ſhall mention the preſents made to them ſince the laſt meeting, ſhall give notice of any candidate that ſtands propoſed for election into the Society at that meeting, there being preſent a competent number for making elections; and ſhall read the letters and papers preſented to the Society in the order of time he received them, unleſs the Preſident ſhall otherwiſe direct.

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II. The Secretaries, or either of them, ſhall draw up all
ers to be written to any perſons in the name of the Society
Council (to be read and approved of in ſome meeting of either
ectively) except, for ſome particular cauſe or conſideration,
e other perſon be appointed by the Society or Council to
w up any ſuch letter. They ſhall likewiſe have the charge
der the direction of the Committee of Papers) of printing
Philoſophical Tranſactions and correcting the Preſs.

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CHAPTER X.

Of the Clerk, Librarian, Keeper of the Repoſitory, and Houſe-keep

I. THE perſon who ſhall be choſen to any, or to all theſe Offices, ſhall either not be a Fellow of t Society; or, if a Fellow, ſhall ceaſe to be ſo, upon his Electi to and acceptance of any or all of the ſaid Offices.

II. He ſhall be competently ſkilled in languages, natu knowledge, and able to write a fair and legible hand.

III. The Election of the Clerk by the Society, ſhall be the following manner.

The names of the ſeveral Candidates ſhall be printed a delivered to every Member; each of whom ſhall take off t name of ſuch Candidate as he means to vote for; and (af having had his own name marked in a liſt of the Members the Society by the Secretary, aſſiſted by two Scrutators to appointed in the ſame manner as at the anniverſary Electio deliver the name of the Candidate ſo taken off, and folded into the hands of the Preſident, who, in the preſence of the S ciety, ſhall put the ſeveral names into a veſſel appropriated that purpoſe; and the Candidate who ſhall be found to ha the majority of votes, ſhall be deemed duly elected.

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IV. The appointment of a perſon to the other offices of Li-
arian, Keeper of the Repoſitory, and Houſe-keeper, is to be
the Council ; to whom the Officer ſo appointed ſhall give
curity, at their diſcretion : he ſhall reſide in the Society's
ouſe, and provide a Porter, who ſhall be furniſhed with a
own and Staff at the expence of the Society.

V. The perſon or perſons choſen to officiate in the ſaid
ſpective departments ſhall be paid for attendance, writing, and
her buſineſs, according to the determinations already made
the Council, and as hath been the practice of late years ;
d ſhall not, beſides ſuch payments, receive any perquiſite or
ofit whatſoever, but what is, or ſhall be, expreſsly allowed
the Council : ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall be further ſubject
ſuch Rules and Orders as ſhall from time to time be given
m or them by the Preſident and Council, beſides thoſe an-
xed to the duty of the ſeveral Offices; and ſhall conſtantly
in attendance, during all meetings of the Society, Council,
d Committee.

Of the Duty of the Clerk.

I. HE ſhall enter all the minutes in the ſeveral Journal-
ooks, and make an Index to every ſuch book : he ſhall lay
efore every Council their fair current minute-book; and before
ery Committee of papers, the Society's Journal-book, to
ew that the ſeveral entries are fairly made : and he ſhall
ave the care of the writing of all ſummonſes of the Society,
ouncil, and Commitees.

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II. The Clerk under the direction of the Secretaries, ſ have the charge and cuſtody of the Charter-book, Statu book, Journal-books of the Society and Council, Regiſt books and Letter-books, as alſo of all papers and writi belonging to the Society; all which ſhall be kept in the ho of the Society, that they may be in readineſs to be produ at any meetings of the Society or Council, as the caſe ſh require, or as ſhall be ordered by the Society, Council, Preſident.

III. The Clerk ſhall not ſuffer any perſon, not being a Fello of the Society, to read any Journal-book, Record, or Writin or any part thereof, belonging to the Society; nor give an copy thereof, nor any way communicate any thing containe therein, to any ſuch perſon.

IV. Each page of copying, for which the Clerk is to b paid, ſhall be eſtimated by the ſize of the Fools-cap paper; th *folio* page containing thirty lines fairly and cloſely written with a margin not exceeding one fourth part of the page in breadth; and according to the ſame rate for any larger or ſmaller page.

Of the Duty of the Librarian.

I. THE Librarian ſhall attend the Libraries two days in the week during the meetings of the Society, viz. Tueſday and Thurſday in the morning from eleven to two of the clock; and during the receſſes of the Society only one day in the week, namely Thurſday from eleven to two. During theſe

mes he ſhall attend for the accommodation of ſuch Fellows f the Society as ſhall come to read the printed books, or ıanuſcripts, and of any other perſons who ſhall bring a written ermiſſion from the Preſident or any other Member of the ouncil, or who ſhall be introduced by a Fellow in Perſon.

II. The Librarian ſhall enter into the Catalogue all books reſented to, or bought by, the Society, immediately after their oming into the poſſeſſion of the Society, and ſo place them s to be readily found.

III. The Librarian ſhall receive from the Printer all the opies of the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*; deliver out one copy to ach Member who ſhall aſk, or ſend for it at the Houſe f the Society; furniſh the Bookſellers with the copies ordered to be ſold; and keep a regular account of the Tranſactions ſo received and delivered.

The Duty of the Keeper of the Repoſitory.

I. HE ſhall attend the Repoſitory two days in the week, luring the meetings of the Society, viz. on Mondays and Fridays, on each day from eleven of the clock in the forenoon o two in the afternoon; for the admiſſion of the Fellows of he Society and ſuch other perſons as they ſhall introduce.

II. He ſhall not, without leave of the Council, permit any hing to be taken out of the Repoſitory: and he ſhall enter nto the Catalogue all particulars which are preſented to, or ought by, the Society.

III. He ſhall cauſe the Animals, which from time to ti
are appropriated to the Repoſitory, to be neatly ſet up for p
ſervation, and then placed in the proper caſes; agreeable
the order he ſhall receive from the Inſpectors of the Muſeu

IV. He ſhall remark what is neceſſary for the preſervati
augmentation, and arrangement, of the ſeveral natural and ar
ficial Productions; what particulars have not yet been deſcr
ed, and report the ſame to the Council.

Of the Duty of the Houſe-keeper.

I. HE ſhall always be ready to receive Meſſages, Parc
Letters, &c. directed to the Society, Council, and Office
and to cauſe all Orders, Summonſes and Letters of the Pr
dent, Council, and Committees to be ſent, or delivered,
directed, in proper time.

II. He ſhall take care that the Society's Houſe, and parti
larly the Meeting-room, and other public apartments, are k
clean; and that all conveniencies, with fires and candles in
proper rooms, be prepared and lighted at the times neceſſa
and that paper, pens, and ink, are in conſtant readineſs for
in every department: and ſhall inform the Council, from t
to time, of whatſoever repairs he conceives to be wanting.

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III. He ſhall have the care of the Keys of all the Rooms, Cloſets, Libraries, and Repoſitories, as well for their cleaning and repairing, as for ſecuring their contents, as much as poſſible, in caſe of fire, or other accident: and he ſhall officiate as Mace-bearer, and carry about the balloting-box.

IV. He ſhall, as Deputy to the Treaſurer, receive the payments of the Fellows; pay ſuch bills as he is directed to diſcharge; pay to the Treaſurer the balance in hand whenever called upon; keep a fair account of the Society's income and expence; and be allowed one ſhilling in the pound on the ſums which he receives, for his aſſiſtance to the Treaſurer.

CHAPTER XI.

Of the ordinary Meetings of the Society.

I. THE ordinary Meetings of the Society ſhall be wee ly, upon Thurſday, beginning at ſix of the clock the afternoon, and continue about an hour as uſual, at diſcretion of the Preſident.

II. When the Preſident takes the chair, the reſt of Fellows ſhall place themſelves orderly and conveniently the buſineſs of the Meeting ; and no ſtranger ſhall be permit to be preſent during the Meeting, unleſs by order of the P ſident, or by leave obtained of the Society upon the motion ſome Member before the Preſident takes the chair; and name of every perſon ſo permitted to be preſent, and of Fellow who moved for him, ſhall be entered in the Journ Book.

III. When any Fellow ſpeaketh, he ſhall addreſs his ſpe to the Preſident ; and the reſt ſhall be ſilent.

IV. When two or more offer to ſpeak together, the P ſident ſhall determine which of them ſhall ſpeak firſt.

V. The buſineſs of the Society in their ordinary Meetings
ıall be, to order, and take account of, philoſophical expe-
ments and obſervations; to read and hear letters, reports, and
ther papers, concerning philoſophical matters; as alſo to
iew the Productions of nature and art: and thereupon to
onſider what may be deduced from them, or any of them;
nd how far they, or any of them, may be improved for uſe
r diſcovery.

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CHAPTER XII.

Of the ſelecting of Papers laid before the Society, in or[...] for Publication.

I. THE Members of the Council of this Society, for t[...] time being, ſhall conſtitute and be a ſtanding Co[...] mittee of the ſaid Society, to whom the conſideration [...] the Publication of ſuch Papers, as ſhall have been read b[...] fore, or communicated to, them at their weekly meetin[...] ſhall from time to time be referred; and that the ſaid Co[...] mittee ſhall meet on the firſt Thurſday of every month, [...] which the Society ſhall hold their ordinary meeting, or at ſu[...] times as ſhall be appointed by the Preſident, or in his abſen[...] by one of the Vice-Preſidents; and that due and ſufficie[...] notice of ſuch meeting ſhall be ſent previouſly thereto, to eve[...] Member of the ſaid Committee.

II. That no leſs number than ſeven of the Members [...] the ſaid Committee (of which number the Preſident, or [...] his abſence a Vice-Preſident, always to be one) ſhall be a *Qu[...] rum*, capable of acting in relation to the ſaid Papers.

III. That the majority of the ſaid Committee, preſe[...] at any meeting thereof, ſhall be at liberty to call in to th[...]

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iſtance, at that or any other ſubſequent meeting, any other embers of the Society, who are knowing and well ſkilled any particular branch of Science, that ſhall happen to be e ſubject-matter of any Paper, which ſhall be then to come ıder their deliberation; and that the perſons ſo called in to iſt, although not Members of the Committee, may give eir votes on all Papers to be conſidered at ſuch meeting at hich they ſhall be deſired to aſſiſt, in the ſame manner as e Members of the ſaid Committee may do.

IV. That, at every meeting of the Committee, their me- ıod of proceeding upon the Papers to be conſidered by them ıall be thus: the firſt entry in the Journal-book of the So- ety, relating to any paper, upon which the opinion of the ommittee ſhall not have been taken, ſhall be read; and if ıy Member ſhall ſo deſire, the paper itſelf ſhall be read, but therwiſe only the minute relating thereto: after which the ueſtion ſhall be put, whether that paper ſhall be printed in ıe *Philoſophical Tranſactions*; unleſs the majority of the ommittee ſhall be of opinion for adjourning the conſi- eration of it to a ſubſequent meeting: and the queſtion ſhall lways be decided by ballot, which ſhall be taken and deemed o be carried or loſt, according as the greater number of alls ſhall be in the white or black drawer of the box: but f upon any queſtion the number of the balls ſhall be equal n each drawer of the box, the further conſideration of the queſtion ſhall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Com- nittee; and a minute ſhall be made for the taking that queſtion into conſideration, at the next meeting of the Com- nittee, before any other buſineſs ſhall be entered upon; and the

the next entry in the Journal-book of the Society ſhall be
ceeded upon in like manner; and after the queſtion ſhall
been decided as to that, the ſeveral others ſhall be procee
upon, according to the order in which they reſpectively ſt
in the ſaid Journal-book of the Society: and that, when at
ſecond balloting upon the ſame queſtion there ſhall ſtill be
equality of votes, it ſhall be determined in the negative.

V. That whenſoever it ſhall appear by the ballot to be
ſenſe of the Committee, that any Paper ſhall be made pu
in the *Philoſophical Tranſactions*, an entry thereof ſhall be m
in the Minute-book of the ſaid Committee.

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CHAPTER XIII.

f the Manner of Publication of the Papers laid before the Society.

I. THE *Philoſophical Tranſactions* ſhall be printed at the ſole charge, and for the ſole uſe and benefit, of the ociety, and of the Fellows thereof; to the intent that each f the preſent Fellows, who actually contribute and pay wards the ſupport of the Society, or who have compounded r ſuch contribution, according to the rules and orders eſta-liſhed in relation thereto, or who have for other particular aſons been exonerated and diſcharged from ſuch contribution y order of the Council, may receive *gratis* (but under proper mitations and reſtrictions) one copy of ſuch of the *Philoſo-hical Tranſactions*, as ſhall be printed as aforeſaid; and that ll perſons, who ſhall hereafter be admitted Fellows, ſhall, nder the ſame conditions, receive and be intitled to the ke benefit and advantage.

II. That once, at leaſt, in every year, a proper portion of the apers, which have been communicated to the Society, ſhall e printed under the name and title of *Philoſophical Tranſactions f the Royal Society of London*, and that the time and manner

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of printing thoſe Papers ſhall be fixed and determined by Council, as occaſion ſhall require. That ſuch a number the copies ſo printed, as ſhall be ſufficient to ſupply the Fell of the Society, ſhall be delivered to the Librarian of the Socie who ſhall enter in a book, to be provided for that purp the number of copies received by him, for which he ſhall accountable to the Council for the time being.

III. The Librarian ſhall deliver *gratis*, at the Society's ho one of the ſaid copies to every Fellow of the Society (exc as herein after excepted) who ſhall demand the ſame, eit in perſon, or by letter or other writing under the hand ſuch Fellow as ſhall not come in perſon to make ſuch mand: and the perſon ſo receiving a copy of ſuch *Philoſoph Tranſactions* ſhall at the ſame time ſign the abovementio book, as having received the ſaid copy.

IV. In order that the Fellows may be apprized of the ti when it will be proper for them to come or ſend for t reſpective copies, due and timely notice ſhall be given in ſo one or more of the public news-papers of the day upon wh the Librarian will begin to deliver out the ſaid copies, as afo ſaid; which day ſhall be fixed and appointed by the Preſid for the time being.

Provided always, that no Fellow of the Society whatſoe ſhall be intitled to demand or receive any ſuch copy of the Tr actions, whoſe annual contribution ſhall be one year in arrear; whoſe Election and payment of admiſſion fees and regular C tributions ſhall not have preceded the date of the time publ ed for the delivery of the ſaid Tranſactions; neither ſhall

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ecutor of any deceaſed Fellow receive a copy of the *Tranſ-ions* publiſhed after the death of ſuch Fellows.

Provided alſo, that no Fellow of the Society ſhall receive, be intitled to receive, *gratis*, any copy or copies of the anſactions, ſo printed as aforeſaid, after one year ſhall be pſed from the time of the Librarian's having begun to iver out ſuch copies reſpectively; but that his neglecting to mand them for ſo long a time ſhall be deemed a forfeiture l dereliction of his right thereto: unleſs the Council for the ne being, upon their being made acquainted with the rea-n of, or ſome excuſe for, ſuch delay, ſhall *order* the ſame be ſo delivered; ſuch *order*, however, not to extend fur-er back than to the laſt five years preceding its date.

Provided alſo, that if the number of copies ſo to be print- as aforeſaid, ſhall be greater than what will be requiſite to pply each of the Fellows with one copy; ſuch ſuper-imerary copies, as alſo all ſuch as ſhall remain in the hands the Librarian after that five years ſhall be elapſed from the ne of his having begun to deliver out ſuch copies reſpectively, all be diſpoſed of, at ſuch times, and in ſuch manner, as the ouncil for the time being ſhall order and direct.

CHAPTER XIV.

Of the Books and Papers of the Society.

I. THERE ſhall be had and kept a Book, called Charter-book, wherein ſhall be fairly written copy of the Charters, all his Majeſty's grants on the behal the Society, and the obligation, to be ſubſcribed by Fellows of the Society in their own hand-writing.

II. There ſhall be had and kept a Book, called the Statu book, wherein ſhall be fairly written all the Laws, Statut and Conſtitutions made, or to be made, concerning the gove ment and regulating of the Society or Council; and alſ Regiſter of the Fellows of the Society, with the times their Election and Admiſſion.

III. There ſhall be had and kept Journal-books for the S ciety and Council; wherein ſhall be entered all the minut orders, and the buſineſs of the Society and Council at th reſpective meetings.

IV. No Fellow ſhall give any copy or tranſcript of any matter contained in the Journals, or other Books of the Society, to any one that is not a Member thereof; nor communicate the ſame to any ſuch perſon to be tranſcribed, without particular leave obtained of the Council; except the ſaid matter were originally brought in, or communicated by himſelf: but any Fellow of the Society may, at proper times, and in the Society's Houſe, have the liberty of inſpecting any article in the Journal-books of the Society.

V. The original copy of every Paper read at the Society ſhall be conſidered as the property of the Society, if there be no previous engagement with its Author to the contrary: but any Author may have a copy of his own papers by leave of the Council.

VI. All the papers read at the Society in the courſe of each year, not withdrawn by leave of the Council, ſhall be delivered to the Committee of Papers at their annual meeting; and ſhall be preſerved in Guard-books, for future inſpection; and ſhall never be lent out of the Society's Houſe without Order of the Council.

VII. Fellows of the Society may, between the hour of eleven in the forenoon and two in the afternoon, on the Tueſdays and Thurſdays during the meetings of the Society, and on Thurſdays during the receſſes of the Society, inſpect one or more of the printed Books in the Society's

Library;

Library; or of the Manuſcript Books, in the preſenc of the Librarian: or any Fellow may, by leave obtaine of the Society at an ordinary meeting, or of the Counci have the loan of any of the printed Books in the Library not exceeding four volumes at a time, for ſix weeks, by givin his note, if printed Books, for the due return of them in th condition he received them; or if Manuſcripts, his bond in th penalty of £ 50. for each, for its ſafe return in as perfe ſtate as when delivered to him.

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CHAPTER XV.

Of the Common Seal and Deeds.

I. THE Common Seal of the Society ſhall be kept in an iron cheſt, having three locks, with three different keys; whereof one ſhall be in the cuſtody of the Preſident, another of the Treaſurer, and the third of the Senior Secretary.

II. Every Deed, or writing, to which the Common Seal is to be affixed, ſhall be paſſed and ſealed in Council, and ſigned by the Preſident on the fore part near the label, and ſigned on the back by the reſt of the Members of the Council preſent.

CHAPTER XVI.

Of the making and repealing of Laws.

I. FOR the making of any Law or Statute of the Roya Society, the draught thereof ſhall be read in Counci and put to the vote, on two ſeveral days of their meeting The firſt day, the queſtion to be reſolved by vote ſhall be t this effect, viz. "Whether the draught of the ſaid Statute "then agreed upon, ſhall be read at another meeting?" Th ſecond day, the queſtion ſhall be to this effect, viz. "Whe "ther the draught of the ſaid Statute, then agreed upon, ſha "paſs for a Law, or not?"

II. For the repealing of any Law or Statute, or any pa thereof, the Repeal ſhall be propounded and voted in Counci on two ſeveral days of their meeting. The firſt day, th queſtion to be reſolved by Ballot ſhall be to this effect, vi "Whether the Repeal of ſuch a Statute, or ſuch part thereo "ſhall be propounded at another meeting?" The ſecond day the queſtion ſhall be to this effect, viz. "Whether ſuch "Statute, or ſuch part thereof, ſhall be repealed or not? And in caſe the ſaid Repeal be agreed unto, the ſame ſha be recorded in the Journal-book of the Council; and the Sta tute, or part of the Statute, repealed, ſhall be cancelled in t Statute-book.

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